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# Young giant

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Aki Kotzamichalis



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**Aki Kotzamichalis**, who rivals Alex Marshall as one of the biggest soccer players Australia has had, will play in the national team that defends the Merlion Cup in Singapore from October 14 to 28.

Kotzamichalis, 18, is 6ft, 5 ins. tall and weighs 16 stone (100 kg). He plays as sweeper for his club, Springvale City, which has won the championship of the Victorian Metropolitan League First Division.

It is the first time a Metropolitan League player has been chosen to represent Australia at this level.

Marshall, who played for Polonia, Richmond and Moreland, claimed after consulting the Guinness Book of Records, to be the biggest player in the world. He too weighed 16 stone, but he was an inch taller than Kotzamichalis.

Marshall, now in Poland, played against Kotzamichalis a few times when Kotzamichalis was younger. "I wasn't as tall then, but I remember that Alex towered above everyone," Kotzamichalis said.

The big defender readily admits that opponents are frightened just by looking at him. "My size puts them off, and of course it's an advantage. They don't like to tangle with me," he says.

He started with the South Melbourne Hellas juniors, but moved to Port Melbourne as

an under 11 player, and remained there in the company of Mike Petersen (Heidelberg-Alexander) and Andrew Petersen (Juventus) up to senior level, winning three league titles and a runners-up medal, before switching to Springvale where he has been in the senior team for two years.

During that time he represented Victoria at under 13 (twice), under 14, 15 and 16 levels and was in the State youth team that won the past two national championships.

Apart from his obvious physique, Kotzamichalis also reads the ball well and distributes the ball effectively. His height has enabled him to score five goals from corners for Springvale this season.

He rates former Australian international Hans Petersen as the best coach he has had. "At Port Melbourne, Mr. Petersen taught me discipline and developed my skill. When I was young, I used to just boot the ball up the field, but Mr. Petersen encouraged me to pass around Tim White, the Victorian state coach, also helped me a lot as did our former State junior coach, Ian Petherick, and also Ian Greenyer, who's coach of Springvale."

Kotzamichalis, a first-year accountancy student at Prahran College, hopes to join a National League club. He follows Hellas, but says he would join any club at which he felt comfortable.

He was quick to praise his former Springvale teammate, goalkeeper Mirko Runje, now with the A.I.S., who is on standby for the Merlion Cup squad.

"He's the best goalkeeper in Australia at youth level. He's got real control of his area, he's a big boy at 6ft. 2ins, and he's solid as well," Kotzamichalis said.

The squad which goes to Singapore next month will be led by national youth coach Jim Shoulder, who picked the players in conjunction with Socceroo supremo Frank Aron.

Five standby players have been named in case others are unable to make the Singapore trip. Those whose clubs reach the National League finals won't be able to go because the finals are at the same time as the Merlion Cup.

Shoulder has named 11 members of the national youth squad preparing for the World Youth Championship qualifying series in the Merlion Cup.

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He certainly doesn't deserve such treatment, for he's one of the best value-for-money players in the NSL.

He goes in hard, sure but he goes fairly. He never stops competing and he scores goals as well. It's just like describing the Richards of old. All Miranda needs is that Zapata moustache.

His record certainly doesn't indicate that he's a hit-man.

He started with Wits University in South Africa, where he was born. From there he went to England for a trial with a semi-professional but was unable to take up a two-year contract because he was unable to get a British work permit.

So he decided to come to Australia instead, to join Preston Makedonia. From there he switched to Box Hill, where he had a successful 1983 season in the Victorian State League. Neither at Makedonia nor at Box Hill was he sent off, and while playing for Australia in the international tournament he was sent off for himself on the receiving end of some harsh treatment by defender George Orfanidis of Iraklis whose tackle in Brisbane put Miranda into plaster for eight weeks.

"It's a pity the crowds have taken a set against me," Miranda said this week, after being selected to the national squad that will defend the Merlion Cup in Singapore next month.

"I seem to be a marked man at the moment, yet all I'm trying to do is play the game as best I can."

"I apologise to the Heidelberg fans who misinterpreted my gesture last Sunday week, and I praise the referee for holding up play until I left the ground, otherwise there may have been more trouble."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## HOW FORCES OF BIGOTRY DRIVE AWAY SOCCER'S SUPPORTERS

Bigotry long has been one of the major forces working against soccer. The editorial in a recent Melita Eagles match programme hit out at some of the facets of that bigotry. We reprint it in full:

WHAT is the real cause of the disappearing thousands from the soccer terraces this season? Most causes have been debated. We hit rock-bottom at the Melita Stadium against Wollongong Wolves. It is being predicted that our first year in the NSL would attract less spectators at our home stadium than our previous years in the State League.

Soccer in Australia has finally lost its credibility with its natural base. It took many years of negative and destructive journalism. It took an orchestrated and sustained attack against those people paying at the gate. In many direct and indirect ways they were told that

they are not wanted because they were loud and noisy, they abuse the referee, they take their soccer too seriously, they look different and cannot speak "the English".

"Australian Soccer Weekly", the paper that should know better, as late as the issue of August 21, called us Europeans with bad habits or of ethnic background. Incredibly, they also stated that spectators who follow Rugby League, Rules and Union are essentially Australian. These spectators don't climb the fence to attack referees or players — or if they do, it is a most rare occurrence.

Categorising in this manner has harmed soccer no end. It has pigeon-holed soccer in this country as the unruly game watched by those foreigners. This has never been true, then nor now. Only a week ago in Bourke, NSW, a football brawl resulted in 23 charges being laid and police arriving wearing helmets and protective clothing. Six children were also affected with noxious chemical. November 1982. Australian fast bowler Terry Alderman was attacked by a spectator in Test cricket in Perth. January 1983. 64 people were

detained for drunkenness when lights broke out on the Hill and Lane Cove was filled with beer cans during a one-day cricket match. Hooliganism and the Hill at the SCG have become synonymous. In Britain, spectator violence often takes the form of gang warfare. We could continue to give examples.

It goes without saying that the continuous bashing of migrants has finally come home to roost. We are in no way condoning violence or hooliganism, but for goodness sake, stop branding migrants at soccer as violent or more aggressive than your normal present-day crowd at any other sports.

This kind of divisiveness has characterised soccer in Australia, fanned vigorously by those untouched by the imposition of having to change their name or having to add to it to gain admission to the NSL. Who had your day? The period of riding on our backs could be over, or is it? Maybe the last episode is still to be written. Maybe your average district club, more concerned with the poker machines than with getting people back on the terraces will keep changing the format of the NSL until they have us all watching the oval ball.



Richard Miranda of Juventus

## Miranda's just like Richards

Richard Miranda of Brunswick-Juventus has everything it takes to develop into Australia's new Ray Richards.

Richards, who played for Marconi, APIA, Sydney Croatia, Hollandia (Qld) and Latrobe (Qld), still is remembered as the man with the long throw.

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The great Ray Richards



Derek Todd and the National Cup.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD 1 (Todd 29th). National Cup final at Olympic Park, Wednesday night. Crowdabout 4000. Cautions: Boogard(NR). Referee: Steart Melings (Vic) 9.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Banovic 8 - Deanovic 7, Lewis 86th, Curcio 8, Parton 6, Hannah 7 - Biskic 6, Antolovic 6 (Campbell 6 half time), Brogan 7, Cummings 8 - Markovic 7, Gojevic 7. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD: Gosling 9 - Maier 8, Owens 8, Boogaard 8, Thompson 8 - McQuarrie 3, Senkalski 7, Brandt 9 - Milosevic 7 (inj. sub Allen 83rd), Todd 10, Jones 7. Coach: Willie Gallagher.

The paupers of Newcastle turned into princes in winning the National Cup against all odds — thanks largely to little striker Derek Todd who now heads back to England to be married.

Todd scored the winning goal, offered himself for every ball, always got the position in his battle with Shaun Parton, turned with lightning speed after trapping it and earned a 10 rating by being an ever-reliable avenue to goal.

These Newcastle players aren't even receiving match payments, so their triumph ranks as probably the most remarkable in the history of the Cup competition.

With nothing in the club's limited finances, the players agreed to an end-of-season payment in lieu of match payments.

Croatia coach Tony Vrzina organised his line-up quite dramatically. David Brogan and Tommy Cumming, who both had played as strikers against Hellas in their previous match, started in midfield, with Steve Gojevic and Robert Markovic replacing them up front. Josip Biskic was back after injury — but nowhere near his best — and so Peter Lewis and Jim Campbell, bought for a total of \$36,000 early this year, were on the bench.

Gojevic and Markovic battled away dutifully up front, but one couldn't help feeling that Brogan should have been pushed forward during the second half,

# Todd's off after bringing Cup to Newcastle



Newcastle-Rosebud, from left, standing: Neil Owens, John McQuarrie, John Boogaard, David Jones, Steve Allen, Bernard Kerby. Front: Simon Brandt, Derek Todd, Andy Thompson, Clint Gosling, Ralph Maier, Joe Senkalski, Dean Milosevic. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

more physical vigour was needed to unsettle Newcastle's powerful centre backs, Neil Owens and Michael Boogaard.

Having praised Todd, we must also pay tribute to Newcastle's goalkeeper Clint Gosling who was sharp as a scorpion and sure deserves to be included in the New Zealand squad for its world tour. Similarly, Simon Brandt should have been chosen at least for Australia's Merlion Cup squad. He was quite sensational in midfield — and let's remember that he also can play as striker.

Tommy Cumming made a difference to the attack when he stationed himself mainly on the left wing during the second half, but by then Croatia had wasted its best scoring chances.

Ralph Maier made a potentially disastrous mistake in the 35th minute when he played a back-pass which was intercepted by Boogard, who then drove past the bottom of the post. It bounded to Gojevic, who looked set to score but Andy Thompson, who had a fine game at left back, dispossessed him with a timely tackle.

Gojevic had probably the best chance of the match in the 44th minute. Cumming won the ball on the left and squared it to Gojevic, unmarked in the middle, but instead of driving it, Gojevic shot past the post.

Newcastle was leading 1-0 and had been since the 29th minute. Eluding tackles inside the box, Todd fired a shot which was blocked by goalkeeper Yakkie Banovic. The ball however, rebounded back to Todd who struck it into the empty net, with Banovic still down.

Banovic did, however, make a series of good saves — the first in the 11th minute when he deflected one-handed a shot by John McQuarrie who had burst through on one two with Todd.

Seconds after half time, Banovic managed to get his body in the way of a shot by Todd who had wriggled into a shooting position with commendable skill and sharpness, and near the end, Banovic flew to palm a free kick from Joe Senkalski over the bar.

Newcastle's sharp, accurate midfield play was delightful to watch. Nothing was wasted in addition to playing the ball forward purposefully, the Newcastle midfielders also close down lightning-quick and in the second half particularly, were of invaluable help to their defenders.

Gosling made a fine save to deny Gojevic a goal in the 22nd minute, just before Todd scored, and in the 46th minute Gojevic's attacking partner Markovic, shot just past the post in a dangerous Croatia counter-attack.

Tim Campbell replaced Yakkie Banovic at half time but it didn't make any difference. Peter Lewis came on for Dragos Deankovic with a few minutes left — probably because Vrzina wanted to give everyone at least a taste of playing in a final.

When Croatia pushed forward in numbers during the second half, it did create quite a few chances. One of the best was started by Gojevic, who got past opponents on a good run before crossing to Markovic who was unmarked in the box. His header, however, went straight to Gosling.

A long low shot by Brandt caught Banovic at the wrong post, but the goalkeeper showed good reflexes in changing position and diving at the ball on the other side.

A cross from Cumming set up Markovic for a shot in the 75th minute but the indomitable Boogard threw his body in the way to foil Croatia yet again.

Newcastle was playing on the break in the second half, and when Dean Milosevic broke away, another goal seemed imminent. Tony Curcio however, closed Milosevic down quickly and somehow managed to get his heel in the way as Milosevic tried to play the ball past Curcio.

It was the fourth time that a Victorian team had reached the final only to be beaten. Heldberg suffered that misfortune the previous three times, being beaten by Marconi in 1980, APIA in 1982 and Sydney Olympic in 1983.

Bogdan was the top scorer of the Cup competition, with a total of five, while Todd finished with four.

It was Croatia's third successive defeat after going 17 games unbeaten.

Newcastle's future remains clouded because the liquidator of Newcastle KB United remains adamant that he wants hefty transfer fees for the likes of the former KB players — and Newcastle Rosebud. The Rosebud club can't afford to pay those fees, and if money does come to a head, Rosebud club can't afford to pay those fees, and if matters come to a head, Rosebud may find itself with insufficient players to carry on. In the meantime though, the club basks in the glory of cup success.

• WILLIE GALLAGHER, the Newcastle Rosebud coach, was born in Paisley in Scotland. He played for Johnstone Burrough, Ardeer Thistle and Saltcoats Vics before coming to Australia in 1965. Here he played for Austral and Adamstown Rosebud until 1975, when he turned to coaching. He coached a group of northern NSW for three years. Cardiff for two years and then went overseas for a year. He spent five weeks at Glasgow Celtic and six weeks at St Mirren, observing coaching methods. He then coached Adamstown Rosebud in the northern NSW State League and was appointed Director of Coaching for the club this year until Newcastle KB United folded and was replaced in the National League by Newcastle Rosebud. The new team only played a handful of games in the NSL before Gallagher was appointed coach, replacing Jim Foley.

• TONY VRZINA, the Melbourne Croatia coach, played for Split in his native Croatia in the 1950's. He spent a year with German club Wuppertal before coming to Australia in 1965. He joined Melbourne Croatia as a junior coach, eventually becoming senior coach for the 1971 and 1972 seasons. Croatia twice won the Ampol Cup under Vrzina. It also won the interstate Ampol Cup in 1971, beating Sydney's Western Suburbs 3-1 in the final. It also won the State League Cup last year. Vrzina resigned in June. The year before he was executive of the VSF. He became manager-coach of Essendon Lions in 1975, helping that club to avoid relegation from Metro First Division. Lions became Essendon Croatia in 1976, finishing third in First Division and winning promotion to State League to fill one of four vacancies created by the formation of the National League. Vrzina, however, again resigned and in 1978 he guided Western Suburbs to a second place finish in Metro First Division. He joined Preston Makedonia for a year in 1979, switched to Slavia for two years, then Bulleen, then was appointed coach of Northcote in December, 1982, a post he resigned earlier this year. He was appointed coach of Melbourne Croatia in June.

## Liverpool rejected by Clint Gosling!

By TED SIMMONS

New Zealand and Newcastle goalkeeper Clint Gosling still blames himself for a youthful decision which probably stopped him from becoming custodian for one of England's great soccer teams.

The 24-year-old Gosling trialled with First Division champion Liverpool nine years ago and was offered a contract by club manager Bob Paisley.

"It was cold and homesick for New Zealand and decided to reject the offer," he said.

"It was only a few seasons later that the first team keeper Ray Clemence left the club which looked around for another player before signing Bruce Grobbelaar to fill the void."

Gosling was born in Liverpool and migrated to New Zealand at the age of five with his parents.

He gained part compensation last weekend when he was invited by New Zealand national coach Allan Jones to join the Kiwi squad to tour England and Scotland next month.

Gosling is in his fourth season with Newcastle after being brought to Australia by former Newcastle KB coach Alan West.

He completed the 1983 season with the best record of any goalkeeper in the national league when he conceded only 26 goals in 30 games, one less than national keeper Terry Greedy.

Gosling was selected as a teenager in the New Zealand team to contest the 1978 President's Cup in Singapore and was chosen the following year in the national youth team to take part in the Oceania Zone World Youth Championship qualifying rounds.

Jones spent three days in Australia to watch the form of Gosling with Newcastle Rosebud and Richard Wilson with Macedonia in Melbourne.

"There are no problems with the current keepers but New Zealand is a small country and I can't afford to miss anyone," Jones said.

"Every player must be looked at, especially young players of the future like Gosling."

Jones will take a squad of 18 players, including two goalkeepers, on an eight-game four week tour of England and Scotland between mid-October and mid-November.

New Zealand will play matches against Glasgow Rangers and England B, the same teams Australia will meet during its tour in November.

"We have two matches in Scotland and play England at Nottingham Forest's ground. The tour is important because there are only 13 months to the first of the 1986 World Cup qualifying matches and then the battle will be on," said Jones.

The New Zealand coach was highly impressed with the standard of play when he visited the National Under 13 and Under 16 championships.

"Australia's future is secure with players like these, providing the development can be properly linked with coaching," he added.

"My only concern is whether the young stars are being rushed into the big-time quickly because both Australia and New Zealand seem to be youth mad."

## Delengos, Tattos share six

**Driene thanks Mariani**

Marconi defender Martin Driene, 17, certainly made an impact during his week in Tasmania for the 1984 Commonwealth Bank Secondary Schools' championship.

Driene scored New South Wales' opening goal in the 2-0 win over Queensland in the final and was selected in the Australian Schoolboys' side.

He started his career with Liverpool Robins in the under-8s before going to Morebank for five years and this is his first year in the senior squad with Marconi.

"Les Scheinflug is a good coach. He gets everyone motivated and he works on the simple stuff. He gets everybody to support. When you get the ball he makes everyone come in to support and it becomes automatic after a while," he says.

Driene is totally committed to soccer and even has been overseas to gain experience. Eighteen months ago he spent three months with English League club, Wimbledon.

"I learned a lot there," Driene says. "I had tried out for the NSW under-16 team before I left and didn't make it. When I got back, I tried out for the under-18s and I got in. I think the experience with Wimbledon was the main reason."

Driene is pleased with his own progress and that of Marconi at the moment.

"Our slow start at the beginning of the season probably



Martin Driene

fact that we had a few new players such as Dean Lowe and Craig Mariani. I suppose, that we weren't used to the style we play at Marconi."

Playing in the first team is not as difficult as people may imagine. "They make it very easy for you," says Driene. "Bertie Mariani has probably helped me the most."

Driene's ambitions are to play for the young Socceroos and to eventually become a full-time professional.

Given his performances in Hobart during the national under-20 championships, he is well on the way to achieving both these aims.

— WALTER PLESS

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL 6 (Delengos 5th, 13th, and 24th; Tattos 10th, 80th and penalty 89th). KEW HIGH SCHOOL 0, Victorian senior all-high schools final at Denby Park, Brighton, Thursday.

RICHMOND H.S.: Stamos 7 — Anastasiou 7, C. Gourlias 8, Antonopoulos 7, Hronis 7 — Nguyen 7, Kasmiris 7, N. Gourlias 8 (sent off 50th), Anastopoulos 7 (Nicolae 75th) — Delengos 9 (inj sub Leventakis 7, 55th), Tattos 9.

KEW H.S.: Papagiannopoulos 5 — Chomanek 6 (Nitopoulos, 80th), Koukounaras 5, Livadas 8, Mangonis 7 — Kouloubas 5, Apidopoulos 6, Myles 6 — Letfear 5 (Argitis 1st), Dimasi 5, Argitis 5.

Richmond High School collected its seventh trophy in four years with this easy victory in the Victorian senior all-high final.

in the other high schools finals, St Albans beat Springvale 5-1 to win the junior title and East Doncaster took the intermediate championship by beating Thornbury 3-0 on penalties after the score was tied at 2-2 after extra time.

Peter Delengos, who previously has been playing as sweeper, shot Richmond into the lead on a long through ball from Steve Tattos after only five minutes.

Tattos made it 2-0 after goalkeeper Theo Papagiannopoulos had failed, after many touches, to grab the ball, and in the 13th minute, Delengos ran away from Andrew Koukounaras and Andrew Mangonis to make it 3-0.

Delengos completed his hat-trick by outspeeding Koukounaras and belting the ball hard over Papagiannopoulos in the 24th minute. From that point, the game was dead.

Midfielder Nick Gourlias — until then one of Richmond's best players — was sent off for chopping down Mangonis in the 50th minute but even after Delengos went off injured, Kew was unable to make an impression on the much more accomplished Richmond team.

Tod Myles had Kew's best chance with a free kick, but goalkeeper Jim Stamos made a one-handed save. Tattos sidestepped three opponents to make it 5-0, and then scored from a penalty awarded over a foul on Theo Kasmiris.

Five of the Richmond High School players are with the Richmond Alemania club in the Metropolitan League. They are Chris Gourlias, Nick Gourlias, Delengos, Tattos and Nick Antonopoulos.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## SENKALSKI FOR SYDNEY

Joe Senkalski (pictured) is Sydney-bound.

The elegant Newcastle-Rosebud midfielder has been offered from St George Budapest, APIA-Leichhardt and Sydney Hakoah.

"I've been happy back home in Newcastle but I'm eager to play for Australia again, and my chances would be much better if I played in Sydney," Senkalski says.

His last appearance with the Socceroos was



when Newcastle KB United entered the NSL and joined Newcastle Rosebud this year, after KB United folded up.

Senkalski worked hard as a youngster to develop his ball skills. "That's very important for any young player, for once you have total control over the ball, you can think about what you're going to do with it, rather than worry about whether or not you're going to get it under control properly," he says. A lesson there for young players —

— LAURIE SCHWAB

**LES MURRAY**

Moves from within the South Australian Soccer Federation to reopen the doors to imports — or if you like increase the quota of admissible "visa players" — has rattled many a protectionist ear in recent weeks.

Including mine, as I have been pretty pleased in recent years by the emergence of talented Aussies of the ilk of Davidson, Farina, Franken, Crino, Soper etc.

The emergence of such men hardly would have been possible in the years, going back a couple of decades, when first divisions around the country could not have subsisted without eight or nine imports per team.

Now the quota is three visa players, only one of whom can be a new recruit, and administrators appear well satisfied that the grand cause of "fostering home talent" is being well served.

The fact is that the quota system by its naked self is not sufficient to serve the cause and all it basically does is create some economic equity between our struggling clubs.

But, while that equity is of course a very desirable thing, it does not



The magnificent Uruguay team that played in the 1981 World Youth Championship final in Australia. From left, standing: Pena, Arias, Berrueta, Melian, Vasquez, Gutierrez. Front: Aguilera, Lopez, Baez, Fancescoli, Noble.

guarantee the fashioning of good quality players, only cheap ones, and I'm not entirely sure such restrictions on imports improves our soccer.

fact I'm sure it does not because now, coinciding in other words with a period when the least amount of imports is being used in Australian soccer's recent history, the standard of our game is a lot lower than ever before.

Simply, a quota system is a toothless measure without a grand and futuristic coaching scheme to go with it.

Maybe some of us — too many of us to be sure — are under the impression that those half a million junior players provide some bottomless

well of future internationals but that notion is tragically way off the mark.

Those juniors play week in and week out, egged on by parents and conscientious officials, will continue to play so long as Rugby or Aussie rules remain "too violent" for mum or dad.

But the juniors aren't being coached, and don't we at Network 0-28 know it?

So, with our lopsided effort to foster home talent, our alternative to imports is half a million uncoached juniors.

Step number one then should be to improve, by gigantic proportions, the coaching of juniors in this country. National and State directors of

coaching are but a case of scratching the surface.

In the meantime (step number two) the doors for imports should be eased open if not left entirely ajar.

However, new thoughts on imports though should be dominated by selectivity: allowing only (a) quality players and (b) players from a variety of sources.

The wholesale importation of players from England and Scotland — because they happen to be the cheapest — should be at all cost avoided.

Rugged players with plenty of character and application we have plenty of and we've had plenty of them since pure economics threw the

# More imports would raise standard

import out of kilter and triggered an onslaught of lower division British players in the 1960s.

But players with a different education, players with flair and technique should be admitted and indeed encouraged to come.

A new quota system could allow say six players a team, provided those six fall from at least three different nations and provided all six have proven first division experience.

Such a system would guarantee quality imports and the importation of a variety of skills — none of which, with the worst will in the world, is likely to damage soccer's development in this country.

Whenever I think of imports and the sorry bunch of players Australian clubs insist on buying abroad, I can't help thinking of that magnificent Uruguayan World Youth Championship team of 1981.

Their silky skills, and the rotten luck that undid

them in their quarter final against Romania, will live long in my memory as will the host of brilliant players they paraded.

And though many of those players — Francescoli, Aguilera, Gutierrez, Villazan — have made the grade in top company in Uruguay, others probably are buried somewhere in one of Uruguay's nondescript middle-of-the-table clubs.

Where for instance is Alexis Noble, a left winger with explosive acceleration and a master of the dribble who would be a sensation and nothing less if he played in Australia?

Wherever he is, if he doesn't play for Penarol or Nacional, and I know he doesn't, there's no way he's making more money than he would playing for South Melbourne Hellas or Sydney Olympic.

How indeed could having such a man play among us be considered damaging to Australian soccer?

## World Cup scores

Last week's World Cup qualifying games:

In Belfast, Northern Ireland beat Romania 3-2 in a group three match at Windsor Park.

Scorers — Northern Ireland: Andone own goal, Whitedeck, O'Neill. Romania: Hagi, Geogau.

In Dublin, the Republic of Ireland beat the Soviet Union 1-0 in a Group Six match.

Scorers — Ireland: Mick Wallace (60th minute). Attendance: 28,000.

In Oslo, Switzerland beat Norway 1-0 in a group Six match.

Scorers — Switzerland: Andy Egli (3rd minute, penalty). In Reykjavik, Iceland beat Wales 1-0 in a Group Seven match.

Scorers — Magnus Bergs. In Stockholm, Portugal beat Sweden 1-0 in Group Two.

Scorers — Fernando Gomes (79th min.).

Standings:

|                | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Sweden         | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2  |
| Portugal       | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2  |
| Malta          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0  |
| Czechoslovakia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| West Germany   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |

Next matches: October 14 Portugal v Czechoslovakia, October 17 West Germany v Sweden.

|                  | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Finland          | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2  |
| Northern Ireland | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2  |
| Romania          | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0  |
| England          | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0  |
| Turkey           | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0  |

Next matches: October 17 England v Finland, October 31 Turkey v Finland.

|              | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Ireland      | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2  |
| Switzerland  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2  |
| Norway       | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Soviet Union | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Denmark      | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0  |

Next fixtures: September 26 Denmark v Norway, October 10 — Norway v Soviet Union, October 17 — Switzerland v Denmark, Norway v Ireland.

No standings for group seven — only one match played so far.

Results of friendly matches:

In Glasgow, Scotland beat Yugoslavia 6-1 (halftime 3-1).

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The midfield is superbly balanced. You've got Oscar Crino and Alan Davidson providing the skill and creativity while Kenny Murphy and young Johnny Kanesousis are tremendous workers and ball winners.

And the defence is as mean as hell and really well organised. In fact Bobby Russell,

Steve Blair, John Yzendoorn and Kris Kalfatidis all have played for Australia. That says enough about their quality.

And Hellas certainly isn't short of talent in reserves like Con Kiakos and Angie Postecoglou.

Yes, Hellas is starting to roll. That's something we'll all have to watch out for when the national finals get going.

### Now for St George

Olympic's squaring up to St George this week and what an interesting clash this will be with so many Socceroos on show.

St George is fighting for survival and right now every point is vital. But Olympic will be looking for another victory to cement our standing as one of the finest teams in the Australian Conference.

And I reckon that national coach Frank Arrok might have a few headaches when he tries to stop us in our current mood.

Within the next eight weeks we'll have tremendous flooding at Adamstown Oval and we're already proposed to the National League that we be allowed to play under lights next season. Channel 0/28 likes the idea. In fact, they've even thought about televising our night games live to Melbourne and Sydney.

Our local State parliamentarian, Richard Face, has done a lot for us. We've received a \$25,000 grant from the State government, \$12,500 from the Adamstown Council, \$12,500 from the Adamstown licensed club. And Also Steel sponsors our youth team which is in the final of the Youth Cup.

We found out last week which club — ours or Croatia — was the better organised on the field and had much more stability among its players. I'd go as far as to say that we're one of the better run clubs around."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

## BUDS' BOSS HITS BACK!

Newcastle Rosebud president Paul Colver hit out strongly at comments which Melbourne Croatia president Joe Sigur made in last week's issue of "Soccer Action".

Sigur said: "If I were there (Newcastle Rosebud's) president, I'd keep my mouth shut and just be thankful that I'm still in the National League! If they can't keep their house in order they shouldn't be playing at this level."

Sigur was responding to suggestions that playing the final in Melbourne gave Croatia an unfair advantage.

Colver had this to say in reply:

"Mr Sigur would have been better off waiting until after the Cup final had been played before opening his mouth."

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# Top five keeps league alive

By LAURIE SCHWAB

St George Budapest faces a near hopeless task in its battle to avoid relegation, as its next two opponents are Sydney City Hakoah and Sydney Olympic.

Blacktown, with Phil O'Connor back in top form, looms as a strong possibility for a place in the Australian Conference five, as it meets Wollongong and Penrith in its next two matches.

And in the National Conference, five teams still are in the running for two finals places, with fourth-placed Brisbane Lions likely to slip on Sunday, when they meet all-powerful South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park.

The same spirited fight exists in the Australian Conference, which confirms that the top-five series is the best concept yet introduced by the NSL.

With a first-past-the-post system, interest in the championship tussle is reduced to perhaps two teams.

But the race for the finals involves most of the league, which keeps interest alive until the end. Indeed, it increases interest in the final few rounds.

There now are three rounds to go, with the final one being an intra-conference challenge round based on standings after next weekend's matches.

The other two games for each of the finals contenders are:

B.U. Juventus: v George Cross and Melbourne Croatia.

Footscray J.U.T.S.: v Adelaide Juventus and Makedonia.

Melbourne Hellas: v SM-Hellas and Brisbane City.

Makedonia: v West Adelaide Hellas and JUST.

Melita Eagles: v Sydney Olympic and Sydney City Hakoah.

Sydney Croatia: v Footscray, Newcastle-Rosebud and Marconi.

Perth: v Footscray and Blacktown.

Blacktown: v Wollongong and Penrith.

Canberra: v Heidelberg-Alexander and Newcastle-Rosebud.

Green Gully: v Melbourne Croatia (draw) at Green Gully Reserve.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: v Brisbane Lions at Middle Park, 3pm.

West Adelaide Hellas: v PRESTON MAKEDONIA at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm.

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

**FRIDAY**  
Penrith v APIA-LEICHHARDT at Cook Park, 8pm.

**SATURDAY**  
Canberra Arrows v HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Hawker Oval, 2pm.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v St George Budapest at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm.

**SUNDAY**  
SYDNEY CROATIA v Newcastle-Rosebud at King Tomislav Park, 3pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Melita Eagles at St George Stadium, 3pm.

Wollongong v BLACKTOWN at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3pm.

Brisbane City v MARCONI at Spencer Park, 3pm.

B.U. JUVENTUS v Sunshine-George Cross at Olympic Park No 2, 3pm.

Footscray JUST v Adelaide City Juventus (draw) at Schineller Reserve, 3pm.

Green Gully v Melbourne Croatia (draw) at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

|                      | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pt |
|----------------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| SOUTH MELB HELLAS    | 16 | 3 | 6  | 43 | 20 | 35 |
| HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER | 13 | 7 | 5  | 36 | 24 | 33 |
| MELBOURNE CROATIA    | 12 | 7 | 6  | 37 | 27 | 31 |
| BRISBANE LIONS       | 11 | 4 | 10 | 36 | 35 | 26 |
| B.U. JUVENTUS        | 11 | 4 | 10 | 31 | 39 | 26 |
| Footscray J.U.T.S.   | 10 | 4 | 11 | 28 | 29 | 24 |
| Preston-Makedonia    | 9  | 5 | 11 | 40 | 33 | 23 |
| Green Gully          | 8  | 6 | 11 | 31 | 33 | 22 |
| Adelaide C. Juventus | 8  | 4 | 13 | 28 | 33 | 20 |
| Brisbane City        | 8  | 4 | 13 | 17 | 33 | 20 |
| West Adelaide Hellas | 7  | 5 | 13 | 38 | 47 | 19 |
| Sun-George Cross     | 4  | 6 | 15 | 20 | 51 | 14 |

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

|                    | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pt |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH | 16 | 7  | 2  | 60 | 19 | 39 |
| SYDNEY OLYMPIC     | 14 | 7  | 4  | 55 | 25 | 35 |
| APIA-LEICHHARDT    | 11 | 7  | 7  | 38 | 30 | 29 |
| MARCONI            | 10 | 7  | 8  | 50 | 35 | 27 |
| MELITA EAGLES      | 8  | 8  | 9  | 23 | 27 | 24 |
| Sydney Croatia     | 7  | 10 | 8  | 28 | 35 | 24 |
| Penrith            | 7  | 10 | 8  | 26 | 34 | 24 |
| Blacktown          | 9  | 6  | 10 | 36 | 46 | 24 |
| Canberra Arrows    | 11 | 1  | 13 | 45 | 36 | 23 |
| St George Budapest | 7  | 9  | 9  | 36 | 37 | 23 |
| Newcastle-Rosebud  | 10 | 3  | 12 | 31 | 48 | 23 |
| Wollongong         | 4  | 4  | 17 | 18 | 55 | 12 |

Conference, since its goal difference is better than those of the five teams above.

Canberra has scheduled its match against Heidelberg for Hawker Oval on Saturday, because Bruce Stadium is not available.

In other venue changes, Penrith and APIA meet at Cook Park on Friday night, the Hakoah v Budapest game has been switched to Saturday, and Sydney Olympic and Melita Eagles will play at St George Stadium rather than Pratten Park.

## One point the difference!

Green Gully midfielder Paul Wade is within one point of catching APIA's John Bradley in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Wade received one vote at the weekend. Bradley received none.

David McIntosh of Penrith outscored both the leaders by notching three votes against Newcastle-Rosebud and with three games to go still is capable of taking out the award.

Doug Brown of SM-Hellas scored one goal at the week-

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45. Hoare (Black), McMillan (Mak).

44. Patikas (SO), Dowie (Juve).

42. Barton (St. G).

41. McPherson (ME), Bergogno (APIA).

40. P. Tredinnick (APIA), Gibson (Pen).

Top scorers:

20. Kosmina (SC).

17. D. Brown (SM).

13. Lowe (Marc), Katholos (SO).

11. Winn (H'berg), Lewis (GG), Arnold (Syd Cr).

10. Jankovic, McCulloch (Marc), Marton (St. G), Bradley (APIA).

9. Patterson (H'berg), R. Brown (Marc), Konstandopoulos (WA), Patikas (SO), Cairney (BL).

8. Brandt (Newc), Kottamidis (W), Ward (Juve), Lutic (JUST), Egan (SM), Farina, Perinovic (Can), Jackson (Pen).

7. Todd (Newc), Sweeney (Juve), Latif (G), Brogan, Gojevic (Mak), Panagis, Malavasos (WA), Bryant (Can), Daunt (BL), Dunn (Mak), Larkin (Black), Soper, Kalantzis (SO), Caban (APIA), Lee, Fletcher (SC).

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 (Brown 60, Yezendorn 68, Davidson 79) ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 2 (Melti 23; Villani 61) at Olympic Sportsfield. Crowd 900. Ratings by Frank Pangallo.

SOUTH MELB HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 7, Blair 7, Kafatasidis 7, Postecoglou 7, Davideon 8, Crino 7, Yezendorn 7, Kanesoulis 7 — Brown 7, Egan 8. Coach: Len McKey.

ADELAIDE JUVE: McNally 6 — Shilabear 7, Flounders 7, Ntakos 7, Coccere 7 (Rankin 80) — Tobi 7, Melta 9, Gatenby 7, Villani 8 — Maxwell 7, Muller 7. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Melta (MEL), 5. Villani (AC), 4. Egan (SM), 3. Davidson (SM), 2. Maxwell (AC), 1. Crino (SM).

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Markovic 1st, Lewis 65th, Cumming 65th) FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Carroll 50th) at Olympic Park. Attendance: 3000 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desirae.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Banovic 9 — Lewis 9, Curcio 8, Parton 7, Tansey 7 — Karic 7, McDonald 7 (Paton 46th); Belic 8, O'Donnell 7 — Carroll 7, Lutic 6. Coach: Deric Cirkovic.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Banovic (MC), 5. Lewis (MC), 4. Belic (FJ), 3. Antolovic (MC), 2. Kyrakoules (FJ), 1. Boland (FJ).

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HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Tasios 10th) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Mousoulis 75th) at Olympic Village. Crowd 2000. Ratings by Kon Kontra.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7 — McKnia 7, MacLeod 7, Yankos 8, Patterson 7 — Petersen 5, Semelidis 6, Valentine 6 — Stevenson 6, Winn 7, Tasios 7. Coach: Brian Garvey.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 8 — Mousoulis 7, Baker 7, Brown 7, Honeymen 8. McGregor 7 — Panagis 7 (Stamatopoulos 70th), Mamad 8. Papadopoulos 7 — Kritikos 7 (Calandritis 85th), Malavasos 6. Coach: Sam Salabasidis.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Manou (WA), 5. Yankos (H), 4. Honeymen (WA), 3. Sproul (WA), 2. Patterson (H), Winn (H).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Tasios 10th) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Mousoulis 75th) at Olympic Village. Crowd 2000. Ratings by Kon Kontra.

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 7 — Skeen 7, M. O'Shea 6, Santides 6, Koczka 7 (Batten 66th) — Bratton 8, Ricoy 7, Stone 8 — Slater 7, Petkovski 7, Jones 7. Coach: Willie Gallagher.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 7 — Bragan 7, Daley 7, Mcintosh 8, Cross 6 — Nix 6, Hale 8, Ainsworth 7 — Easthorpe 7, Cotton 7, Hunter 6 (59th Jones 6). Coach: Willie Wallace.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Maier (NRU), 5. Owens (NRU), 4. Hale (PC), 3. Mcintosh (PC), 2. Jones (NRU), 1. Ainsworth (PC).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 3 (Barton 6th, Slater 15th, Petkovski 90th) WOLLONGONG 2 (Vlietstra 42nd, Kotamanidis 55th) at St. George Stadium. Crowd 1000. Ratings by Philip Micallef.

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# Penalty a 'disgrace' — McLachlan



## Brisb Lions 2 Green Gully 1

**Scorers:** Carter (38th), J. Stewart (5th), Niven (penalty 53rd).  
**Venue:** Richlands Stadium.  
**Crowd:** 717  
**Cautions:** Lewis (GG), McGuinness (GG), Vasquez (BG), McLelland (GG).  
**Referee:** Gordon Nicholson.

Green Gully officials accused Brisbane referee Gordon Nicholson of "robbing" them of a point after a controversial penalty decision had given Brisbane Lions a 2-1 win at Richlands.

Nicholson, who has been involved in a number of controversies this season, awarded the penalty 63 minutes into the game when he ruled Gully defender Steve McLelland had

pulled Lions midfielder John Stewart off the ball as he was attempting to shoot.

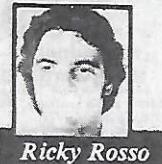
The decision caused an uproar on the Gully bench with team officials, including coach Bobby McLachlan protesting bitterly as they threw boots and buckets into the air in dismay.

"Brisbane is notorious for this. We have heard all the stories and now we find they are true. It is not just something which has happened to today but it has happened to team after team coming here."

"It's nothing against Lions because they are a good young side and they took their equaliser well. But the penalty decision was a disgrace. The whole thing is an embarrassment to Queensland soccer," McLachlan said.

"We will be submitting a report to the NSL."

But Nicholson was unperturbed by the criticism and said



**Ricky Rosso**

he was "100 percent certain" his decision was correct.

"The No. 18 (McLelland) grabbed the Lions player around the front and turned him off the ball. I was eight yards from play and it was a clearcut penalty. I have never been more certain about a penalty in my life," Nicholson said.

The controversy extended even to the taking of the kick.

Everything appeared set and Alan Niven powerfully drove his shot past Gully keeper Lou Denys and into the net.

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But Nicholson ruled he had not blown his whistle and Niven was made to take the kick again. With his second attempt he outsmarted Denys by coolly and surprisingly softly placing his shot into the bottom left corner.

It was a lucky two points for Lions and kept their top five hopes alive. But for Gully it virtually meant the end of the season.

And on their performance and Lions' relatively poor showing, the Melbourne side deserved a point.

David Smallman had a shot cleared off the line by Steve Jackson after only six minutes and although Lions had two chances during the next 25 minutes — through Anderson and Daunt — Gully hit the lead in the 38th minute.

Fullback David Hogben made a skilful run down the left and cleverly beat fullback Steve Jackson, a rare occurrence this season. Hogben then cut a low cross back to Carter who had moved unmarked to the edge of the box. Carter hit his shot low and hard into the net.

Lions started the second half stronger and a goal looked imminent after Daunt and Hunter had gone close. Lou Denys made the save of the match in the 48th minute when he got a hand onto a powerful

Daunt header which seemed goal-bound.

John Stewart, who had been advised shortly before the match he was a standby player for the Merlion Cup and not his brother Russell as had been named in media dispatches, made the breakthrough for Lions in the 55th minute.

The team captain made a strong run down the left and worked his way close to the goal before driving his shot into the net from an acute angle.

Four minutes later Vasquez had to pull back Les Carter on the break to stop a runaway, which earned him a yellow card.

The controversial penalty incident followed shortly after and Smallman earned a yellow card for kicking the ball away in disgust to join McGuinness and Lewis in Nicholson's book.

## WHO'S WHO?

A national selection blunder left Brisbane Lions midfielders John and Russell Stewart in a quandary over which player has been named as a standby for the Australian squad to play in the Merlion Cup in Singapore next month.

Russell, a former Youth Socceroo, was named in an ASF release last week as the player on standby, yet his brother John has received the letter advising him of selection.

Queensland soccer officials blasted the incident, claiming it was typical of the treatment given to Queensland players.

"This whole embarrassing incident is typical of how Queensland is being treated. I suggest the ASF contact coach Frank Arok, should contact Queensland and meet some of the players as he obviously doesn't know them," Queensland Soccer Federation boss Alderman Ian Brusasco said.

Brusasco said "J. Stewart" was the name on the list of national squad players he received last week.

He reported the incident to the ASF's executive meeting last weekend, but Arok and ASF secretary Brian Emery disagreed over which brother had been named.

"I asked them if they were aware that there were two Stewarts in the Lions team and had they definitely selected John," Brusasco said.

"Arok was not sure and Emery said he thought it was Russell. I suggested they check it very carefully."

Brisbane Lions officials said the incident was extremely embarrassing for their players.

"It should have been checked before the squad was named and made clear in any releases," Lions secretary Lorraine Olenky said.

Brusasco said it appeared Arok didn't know the Queensland players.

The ASF resolved the confusion by naming both Stewarts as standby players.

## Some face boot in '86

The National League will provide a greatly improved standard of football and a united front to the public by 1986, according to NSL vice chairman Tony Labbozzetta.

And, as clear indication of the trend, Labbozzetta pointedly stated clubs that are unable to meet the maximum effort into promotion of the sport should not be in the competition.

Labbozzetta said the ASF had accepted the League's plans for 1985.

Next season the league will revert to a straight-forward home and away principle after flirting with a complicated American-style challenge format.

Added to this will be a top five grand final series and a well-promoted NSL Cup.

The NSL Executive already has declared itself in favour of a switch in 1986 to a 12 or 14 team league in place of the present two 12 team divisions.

"From now the final arbiters in the day-to-day conduct of NSL football will be three ASF members and three from the NSL with the league chairman as president."

"This committee will deal with 1986 plans in conjunction with the State Federations," Labbozzetta said.

"Our aim will be to set out the proposals in plenty of time for them to be understood and then brought into being."

"At this stage it is clear that some of our clubs will approve the plans and others will not."

"However we must gather together the very best clubs — those that offer top entertainment to Australian supporters."

In the light of his comments observers believe the big question will be whether surplus clubs revert to their respective state leagues.

The alternative situation being canvassed by the NSL Executive is the formation of two 12-team second divisions.

"The weekend's world cup committee meeting, Sydney Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson had his appointment confirmed as assistant national coach to Frank Arok.

Other officials appointed to join the Australian squad's atout of China and Europe in November-December are manager Andrew Lederer, doctors Brian Corrigan and Sri Kanangara, physiotherapist Charlie Juricic and gear steward Roy Thomas.

The training squad goes into camp in Canberra today (Wednesday) and the touring squad is to be announced the following week.

Ron Tindall, the West Australian director of coaching, has been appointed as Jim Shoulder's assistant for the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore from October 14-28.

ASF Executive Director Brian Emery said: "The team will be known as Australian Under-23. We realise that a few players are overage but the name best describes our objective."

"We have another proposal in view. It is likely that a top Southern European Club will tour here in early Febr-

# BENNETT, COSTELLO IN TROUBLE



**Craig Mackenzie**

## Geo. Cross 1 Canberra 4

**Scorers:** Latif (9th, SGC); Perinovic 3rd, 49th, 90th, Ben-nett o.g. 62nd (Canb.).  
**Venue:** Chaplin Reserve.  
**Crowd:** About 8000.  
**Caution:** Harkins (Canb.)  
**Referee:** Chris Bambridge 8.

The Sunshine-George Cross committee this week will consider taking action against captain Gerry Bennett and goalkeeper Tom Costello following incidents in this match.

Bennett made a two-fingered gesture to Sunshine-George Cross fans as he left the pitch but it is allegations over comments Costello reportedly made to Sunshine-George Cross fans which drew most criticism from club president Alf Zahra.

"I'm absolutely disgusted at the behaviour of some of our players. What Bennett did to the fans is a disgrace but what really upset me is what Costello called our fans. There's no excuse for that sort of behaviour and we'll be taking stern action this week," said Zahra.

Bennett and Costello both had bad games and copped plenty of verbal abuse from Sunshine-George Cross fans, especially towards the end.

Of course, these fans can please themselves in their dealings with their players. The fans pay their \$5 at the gate and are entitled to shout out whatever they like. They gave Frank Farina a fair bit of abuse, not long after he came on to replace Alan Reis. Farina, who is much younger and less experienced than Bennett, simply smiled at the fans and got on with the game. There's a lesson there for Bennett to learn.

He did not let Costello's all-legged back off the pitch if it is true he should be drummed out of the club quick-smart.

Marko Perinovic, the Steve Serrini to shreds. That didn't make things any easier for Bennett who was playing sweeper in place of suspended Jim Reilly.

Perinovic timed his runs to perfection and with the 'Cross' being steamrolled in midfield, the young Canberra striker saw plenty of the ball. In fact, had he finished better he easily could have chalked up six goals. Instead, he had to be satisfied with a hat-trick.

He imposed his inexperience of the Cross' defence as easily as the third minute when a long, high ball floated in from the right found Costello rooted to his goal line as Perinovic jumped up between two 'Cross' defenders and headed in a simple goal.

George Cross took heart

from their team's quick reply but Ossie Latif's free kick in the ninth minute was to be the last effective resistance put up by the home side. Don Macaren was body checked by George Christopoulos about 30 metres out and Latif took the resultant free kick, smashing home a shot which beat George Economopoulos at the near post.

Perinovic blew a great chance to regain the lead for Canberra in the 31st minute when Alan Reis motored down the left and crossed to the far post.

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Bennett's day was best summed up in a three-minute period of the second half.

In the 59th minute he took too long to control Norrie Pate's lay-off and blew a scoring chance from dead in front. A minute later, Bennett misjudged the bounce off a long boot downfield and in nipped Reis but his lob over Costello was high and wide.

But Canberra went further ahead in the 62nd minute and Bennett was the scorer. Per-

inovic again wriggled clear of Serrini and Costello pulled off a superb smother. The ball went straight to Bennett whose first-time effort sent it firmly into the back of the George Cross net.

The local fans had started to get restless before Bennett's own off-the-ball effort served to inflame some of them.

"Why do we pay these bludgers \$120 for a loss?" cried one fan who came up to the Press box to have a go at Zahra.

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# Angele, Marley back?



**Heidelberg 1  
WA-Hellas 1**

**Scorers:** Tasiros 10th, Mou-soulis 75th.  
**Venue:** Olympic Village.  
**Crowd:** 2000.  
**Caution:** Patterson, Brown, Manou, Baker, Honeymen.  
**Referee:** E. Venios 7.

This was a below par performance by Heidelberg, and coach Brian Garvey was disappointed that after taking an early lead, the team was not able to take control of the match. "We created several chances, although not playing well, but our finishing was not up to standard," Garvey said.

Obviously, the recent spate of injuries and last week's hammering by Juventus have taken their toll. Heidelberg lacked confidence and was a far cry from the smooth running outfit of a few weeks ago.

However, the good news is that Joe Angele should be available for next week, and left back Steve Marley is not far away from full fitness following his operation.

He played half a match in the youth team, and should return to the first team in a couple of weeks.

Heidelberg's "Hoodoo" position of left full back was filled by striker Scott Patterson, the sixth player to play there since the start of the season.

Patterson slotted well into this new role, and proved to be immune to the injury curse which affected the previous five incumbents.

Don Macleod's injury cleared up sufficiently for him

defence, and keeper Jeff Oliver, although only 60% fit, was also in the line-up. As a precautionary measure, reserve keeper Spiro Kardamitis was on the bench.

West Adelaide Hellas lined up in a defensive formation with five at the back, three in midfield and two front-runners. Coach Sam Salabasidis, put his experienced players in the back five to contain the Heidelberg attack. This plan worked, particularly as the home team failed to get hold of the midfield and was unable to provide service and support to its front-runners.

Chris Manou looked the best and most consistent of the midfielders, although not a particularly mobile player, he was involved a lot, and always tried to do something constructive when in possession.

After some early pressure, Heidelberg went ahead in the 10th minute. Steve Winn's flick put Steve Tasiros through, and the youngster easily beat Gary Sprent from close ranks.

Following this promising start, the game deteriorated and became scrappy. There were hardly any well worked moves, and neither side was able to establish a pattern of play at any real consequence.

With a minute of play remaining, Steve Winn had a free header from 6 metres, but put the ball well over the bar. Judged on this performance, Heidelberg needs to improve a great deal to remain in the championship race. The form of its midfielders must be causing a lot of concern to Brian Garvey. They had little influence on the match, and need to find form quickly to enable Heidelberg to mount a meaningful challenge in the

Ian McKie in the 55th minute created some excitement. The ball hit the bottom of the upright and bounced into the arms of Jeff Oliver.

At the other end, Theo Sermanni's header from Mike Petersen's cross skimmed the crossbar and Steve Tasiros delayed too long and was robbed of the ball when in good position 10 metres from goal, straight from the foot.

Two well-taken free kicks caused Hellas some concern. In the 72nd minute Stewart Stevenson's swerving shot hit the crossbar, and 10 minutes later Mike Valentine's ployed shot was well saved by Gary Sprout.

Nick Mousoulis went forward in the 75th minute, shook off a couple of half-hearted tackles and beat Jeff Oliver from outside of the penalty area with a shot which bounced awkwardly and sneaked inside the upright for the equaliser.

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# Davo, Egan save game

By FRANK PANGALLO

## AC-Juventus 2 SM-Hellas 3

Scorers: Hellas Brown 60;  
Yzendoorn 68, Davidson 79.

Juve-Mets 23, Villani 61.

Venue: Olympic Sportsfield

Crowd 900.

Referee: Tony Martell

SM-Hellas's champion-  
ship hopes were boosted  
and Adelaide Juventus' top  
five chances nosedived in  
the mud and slush of Olympic  
Sportsfield last weekend.

But for a while the situation  
that stood at the end of the  
game could have well been re-  
versed.

Juve put a fright into the  
confident Hellas team which  
had to claw its way from  
behind twice before Notts For-  
est-bound Alan Davidson  
clinched the game.

The conditions didn't suit  
Hellas and it foundered in the  
conditions during a scrappy  
first half in which Juve held  
sway.

Juve, growing with confi-  
dence as the game wore on,  
took the lead midway through  
the first half with a dubious  
penalty converted by Sergio  
Melta.

Bold front-running Steve  
Maxwell was upended by Steve  
Blair but it was an uninten-  
tional foul brought about more by  
the conditions than spite.

Hellas, without Ken Mur-  
phy, looked vulnerable. Its  
defence ignored the conditions  
and maintained an attacking  
style that could have proved  
costly.

With Melta and Charlie Vil-  
lani causing problems in mid-  
field and Juve's defence des-  
perate, Hellas faced the pros-  
pect of a shock defeat going  
into the second half.

But Charlie Egan, that dy-  
namic Hellas dynamo, burst  
into the game twice to enable  
Hellas to snatch victory from  
the jaws of defeat.

Doug Brown equalised in the  
60th minute but barely had  
Hellas completed its celebra-  
tions when Villani broke clear  
down the left and struck a  
superb drive past Laumets.

Juve appeared to have all  
the answers and was con-  
fidently poised for victory  
when Egan broke clear of his  
shackles.

He set up John Yzendoorn in  
the 68th minute and 10 minutes  
later eluded the defence once  
more. Egan took the ball to the  
by-line then cut it back for Da-  
vidson to ram a ground shot

**Man of  
the Match:**  
**SERGIO MELTA**  
(AC-Juventus)

that slipped under Willy  
McNally's body.

Juve proved to be a fine test  
for Hellas but was most un-  
lucky not to have taken at least  
one point in a game in which it  
had more dominant periods.

Hellas now has breathing  
space at the top of the table  
thanks to lowly West Adelaide  
Hellas pulling off a shock draw  
with Heidelberg.



Alan Davidson

# MARTIN IN THE WARS

**Makedonia 3**  
**B. Juventus 0**  
Scorers: Martin own goal  
18th; Dunn penalty 44th,  
Illoksi 55th.  
Venue: Connor Reserve.  
Crowd: about 3000.  
Cautions: Lam (Mak).  
Referee: Stewart Mellings

6. How one wishes that all  
National League games  
could be like this. As a  
spectacle it would rate close  
to 10 for non-stop action,  
a constant stream of bizarre  
incidents, relentless attack by  
both sides, constructive wing play,  
crowd atmosphere, the inspiring  
leadership of Juventus' sweeper John



**Man of  
the Match:**  
**JOHN DOWIE**  
(Juventus)

working against it. Eddie  
Campbell, with only the goal  
Kemp had to beat, missed nar-  
rowly after only two minutes; Joe  
Sweeney misticked inches  
from goal after a square pass  
from Zinni; goalkeeper Richard  
Wilson slid and deflected a  
Sweeney shot with his knee; sub-  
stitute Zarko Odzakov, on an excellent  
through pass from Flavel, shot just past,  
and Ward hit the post!

But while Makedonia prob-  
ably didn't deserve the penalty  
it was awarded, it should have  
been given a penalty when  
Martin brought down Claude  
Lucchesi in the second half.  
On that occasion, how-  
ever, referee Stewart Mellings  
threw him out.

Congratulations to Makedonia for  
taking the points but equal kudos to Juventus for

refusing to yield in adversity.

Juventus had beaten the

then league leader, Heidel-  
berg-Alexander, 5-1 the pre-  
vious week, but lined up this  
time without Richard Miranda  
who was suspended and Brian  
Brown, who had been player  
of the week, made him ineligible  
to play in the last four rounds.

Yet I would go so far as to  
say the Juventus played the  
better soccer — especially in  
the second half!

It had more productive for-  
wards in Andrew Zinni and  
Gary Ward who was playing  
against his former club. Eddie  
Campbell and Robbie Cullen  
were great in midfield and  
Dowie, as I said, was inspi-  
rational as he surged for-  
ward time and again, remov-  
ing any doubts his team  
mates may have had of throw-  
ing the towel.

In his attempt to save Gib-  
son's head came in contact with  
the upright and he had to  
receive attention before resum-  
ing, still visibly shaken.

The final whistle brought  
relief to the Newcastle  
defence that has not conceded  
a goal in its past three

matches and a great deal of  
credit must go to man of the  
match Ralph Maier.

Maier would undoubtedly be  
the most consistent Newcastle  
player over the season, and if  
one could put his perfor-  
mances on a chart for the past

few months, one would have a  
straight line, certainly the  
type of player a coach dreams  
about.

Penrith was well served by  
busy midfielders David Hale  
and Jeff Ainsworth and ten-  
acious defender David McIn-  
tosh who gave Derek Todd a  
torrid afternoon.

The deadlock was broken 13

minutes from the end and it

was almost a carbon copy of

the trial with Bradford City.

Those two efforts will give

an idea of how much the little  
striker will be missed.

Todd played his best game against

Penrith before returning to

England last Monday for a

trial with Bradford City.

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# O'Connor kills 'em



George Streeter

## Blacktown 2 Brisb City 0

Scorer: P. O'Connor 12th, 42nd.

Referee: R. Lorenc 9

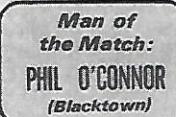
Caution: Liddle

Crowd: 655.

With Phil O'Connor in sparkling form Blacktown looked a far more dangerous side. After only 12 minutes a through ball by Gary Byrne saw O'Connor turn well before hitting an unstoppable drive past Wishart.

Frank Mengotti was on the mark early in the second half but Hoare made a superb save to keep his side well in front and from then on Blacktown looked in control, rarely allowing Brisbane City to create an opening.

Luciano Fabrizio tested



Hoare with superb 35-metre drive while at the other end McLaughlin gave Wishart some problems with a well-timed shot.

With time ticking away in the first half Robert Wheate made a great run down the flank before crossing for Byrne to take a shot. Brisbane City's defence managed to ward off O'Connor who made no mistake to make it 2-0.

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Phil O'Connor

# MORE LIKE GRIDIRON!



Alex Vesic

## Marconi 1 SC-Hakoah 1

Scorer: Lowe 24th, P. Falconer 62nd.

Venue: Marconi Stadium

Crowd: 1,318

Referee: Doug Rennie 5

Caution: O'Connor, Barnes, Carter.

Sent off: O'Connor 76th

The top of the table clash between Marconi and Sydney Hakoah turned into an unfortunate and fierce encounter which hovered around boiling point.

It is strange to think that soccer in Australia is reaching this standard. It is strange to see people in Rugby League get suspensions of six weeks or six months just for using an elbow and yet in this particular match, the elbow was used on no less than two dozen occasions with intent to harm an opponent — and in most cases the offender went unpunished!

I think the League must take action — and I MEAN TAKE ACTION. Do not wave your finger any more. None of this is right.

Nelio Borges (Syd. Croatia)



one or two week's suspension stuff. Let's take action. Let's get rid of the players as well as referees who threaten to change this game into a combination of grid iron and lacrosse.

Late tackles, abusive language, elbowing, shirt pulling, tripping, behind play were all the order of the day. Since the referee failed to take sufficient action, a number of Marconi supporters came to the fence hurling abuse at him.

It is a long time since I have seen scenes like this at Marconi and I hope a long time before they are repeated. Football action, however, was not missing despite the heavy stuff that went on in between.

David Lowe beat a couple of Hakoah defenders in the 13th minute and crossed only to see Rod Brown miss the ball by a blip. From a resultant corner and a header by Mason it fell to Jaykovski to net three metres from the line but a bunch of Hakoah players on the line blocked the shot.

Three minutes later Peter Sharne made the break that gave Marconi its lead. He found Lowe who helped it on to Rod Brown but a spectacular dive by Todd Clark saved the day if only for a moment. Lowe picked up the rebound to score a great goal.

Midway through the first half and following a corner kick from Joe Watson and a header by Barnes, Hakoah almost equalised. James could not hold the ball and it fell towards Koscina but Calderon stuck his foot out to clear over the bar.

Their best opportunity came close to the end of the first half when Keith Falconer crossed to the far post for an unmarked Paul Kay but the Hakoah



Steve O'Connor sent off

midfielder missed the ball completely!

Hakoah started the second half in more determined mood and after a free kick from the kick-off should have had the ball in the net. Grant Lee went past two Marconi defenders then cut back for Paul Kay, unmarked and only metres from the goal line, but alas, it was not Kay's day. He scooped his shot over the bar.

Three minutes later Murray Barnes hit the crossbar with his header.

Five minutes later Marconi's "wall" made an error and paid dearly for it. James appeared to be calling his players to move the ball to the left as Peter Falconer curled his right footer around the ball from 20 metres to score.

In the last half hour very little was seen apart from some nasty tackling and maybe one clear-cut chance to Henderson in the last minute when "Hendo" rose high to head just over the bar.

Steve O'Connor was sent off the field with 14 minutes of play remaining and the referee's decision was hotly disputed by the Hakoah players. O'Connor appeared to have fouled Mason and while on the ground a scuffle broke out between the two.

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But the keeper's best came when he was bundled into the net from a challenge by Vlatko Belic in dealing with a cross from the right but somehow managed to keep his arms outstretched to prevent the ball from being ruled to have crossed over the goal line.

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## NATIONAL TITLE AND CUP

### Thirty-six Socceroos

Marconi and Sydney City Hakoah, with 36 internationals each, share the title of the leading provider of Socceroos.

A few weeks ago we said that Hakoah had more Australian internationals over the years than any other club. We were wrong.

And here is Marconi's impressive list of Socceroos.

Figures after each player's name denote: Number of matches for the Socceroos; number of full internationals; number of goals scored; and, where applicable, number of Socceroo "B" team appearances and goals scored.

#### Marconi's major honors:

1970 — Second Division champion  
1972 — Grand Final winner, Interstate Grand Final winner  
1973 — Grand Final winner  
1979 — National League champion  
1980 — Philips Cup winner  
1983 — NSW Ampol Cup winner

Peter Wilson 114/62/3  
Jimmy Rooney 100/53/7  
Ray Richards 60/32/10  
Peter Ollerton 55/30/20  
Gary Byrne 54/30/1  
Tony Henderson 44/27/6/7B  
Allan Maher 39/22/0  
Peter Sharne 39/22/10  
Col Curran 34/22/1  
Mark Jankovic 34/15/2  
Ron Corry 33/28/0  
Eddie Kruecovic 33/17/17  
Ivo Prakalo 27/13/1  
Ernie Campbell 24/15/3  
Max Tolson 19/16/4  
Peter Raskopoulos 14/4/2  
Jim Cant 14/6/3  
John Roche 11/4/0

Les Scheinflug 11/6/4  
Mike Micevski 6/0/0  
Vic Bozanic 4/0/2  
Ian Hunter 4/0/5  
Paul Degney 4/1/0  
Johnny Giacometti 4/0/0  
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Hilton Silva 1/0/0  
Ray Pocock 1/0/0  
Bruce James 1/0/0  
Tom McCulloch 1/0/0/1B/1B  
Jon Rizzotto 3B

### THE THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN RON....

## We need an elite league

*Ron Cavagnino is in his first year as chairman of the soccer committee of Club Marconi. He is married, with a 10-year-old son, and works as an official agent for NSW lotteries. Cavagnino was born in Italy and came to Australia when he was 8. He played Rugby League as a kid and admits to once thinking that "soccer was a game for sissies." He view changed when on a working holiday in 1965, he went to England and was entranced by the fervor and fanaticism of the fans at a Liverpool v West Ham game. On his return he started following Marconi which was in Second Division, and has been involved with the club ever since. He spent four years as the board of directors of Club Marconi from 1972 and returned a couple of years ago. He was on the board of the soccer committee last year and became chairman of that committee in October, 1983.*

*"That's what I'll be pushing and hopefully I'll be the most responsible for the soccer side of things," said Cavagnino.*

*Cavagnino, with the consent of his fellow soccer committee directors, was responsible for bringing Scheinflug back to Marconi. Officially, Scheinflug became coach of Marconi on January 1, this year.*

*"It was me who first got Les to Marconi way back in 1969. I convinced the committee that we should sign him from Prague for \$3,000 and it was one of the best things we've done. Back in those days I think we had one ball and no money but Les quickly changed all that. He harassed us into buying about 30 balls and he put professionalism into the team. We won the Second Division with Les. Unfortunately, we parted company after the 1970 season but were lucky enough to get*

*National Leagues simply don't want to improve. They just want to stay in the National League and that's not good enough.*

*"We need nothing but the best in the National League to get people to watch the games. We need the best six teams from the Australian Conference and the best six from the National Conference all playing against each other on a home-and-away basis in the one league. When we played Wollongong away from home there were about 150 people at the game. I believe that teams not strong enough financially and in terms of playing standard should be in the National League. Let them go to a Second Division with a regionalized format to cut travel costs, until they prove themselves."*

*But would an elite league bring back the fans?*

*"Yes, provided the standard of soccer is good enough. People want to see the best. We're in 1984 and people no longer will accept a low standard of entertainment."*

*Many soccer fans, including this writer, are dismayed to discover that after a grueling league season, the teams finishing on top of the Australian and National Conferences receive no recognition this year as champion teams. Instead there's to be a national finals series of top five competition in both Conferences, run on the same finals format as in Rugby League and Australian Rules. Cavagnino likes the idea.*

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### FIVE-MAN BRAINS TRUST

*Chairman Ron Cavagnino heads a 5-man board of directors.*

*The others are: Frank Lebozzi, real estate and travel agent; Terry Sartoretto, Charlie Licata and Frank Baroni, who are building contractors. Licata's son, Rene, is in Marconi's first team squad and is a former national youth team player.*

*Charlie Licata and Baroni are responsible*

*for promotion and fund raising activities while Lebozzi and Sartoretto run the juniors.*

*Marconi's honorary secretary is Keith Charles, who has been involved in senior soccer for the past three years. He was involved with Marconi's juniors for five years before moving into senior administration. Charles took over as secretary in April, 1983.*

# C. Marson of Marson Paving, Fairfield;



Marconi, from left, back row: Atti Carbono, John Spanos, Rene Licata, Mark Janovics, Allan Maher, Tony Henderson, Paul Carter, Rod Brown. McCulloch. Picture: EDDI

*in Australia. It's unique to this country and we, as soccer people, should accept that and follow suit. It's part of the Australian way. That's why we've brought in a final five competition and I think that it's a great idea."*

*The NSL format for 1985 isn't drastically different to the 1984 format, but Intra-Conference challenge games have been scrubbed and not before time, according to Cavagnino.*

*"These Intra-Conference games were disastrous, and if I had my way we'd play the National Cup as a pre-season competition in March," he said.*

*"And we can't have any more interruptions to the league season like we had this year with the World Series games. That hurt a lot of clubs, including Marconi."*

*Cavagnino is confident that Marconi will play in the finals and go extremely well.*

**- CRAIG MACKENZIE**

**By ALEX VESIC**

### Oscar Michelini, a patriotic Italian, is the man responsible for the christening of Marconi in 1956.

*Michelini, a founder member of the club, moved at the first general meeting that the club be named after Guglielmo Marconi, the famous Italian who invented the wireless.*

*The motion was quickly accepted by those at the meeting. The link with the famous inventor is still strong today, and the Marconi emblem displays a radio tower.*

*The name was confirmed on November 28, 1957, in the minutes of the meeting held in a small shed on a vacant piece of land in Trivett St, Horsley Park; it was noted: "Moved by Mr Michelini and seconded by Mr Fiorelli; that the name of the club — Club Marconi of Bosley Park Social Recreation and Sporting Centre Limited — be confirmed and that the name be the official name of the club all the time."*

*Oscar Michelini was also the man who headed the building sub-committee, which was responsible for supervising the construction of the first part of the building at a cost of \$120,000. Other members of the committee were Mr C. Crestani, F. Zadro and Provino Sarto.*

*From a small and almost insignificant looking building, the shed rose into a magnificent edifice after an extension was carried out in the sixties. The new section of the club was opened on November 24, 1962.*

*Lands surrounding the club were then bought, extending the club's ownership to the present area of land.*

*Some years later, Marconi succeeded with an application to the municipal council to change the name of Middle Rd to Marconi Road.*

*Only two years after the official opening of the club, a youth soccer team was formed. The first president was Felice Zadro, while the other promoters of the idea included Lorenzo Sartoretto, Luciano Morassut, Giuseppe Cesarro, Angelo Cattarin and Dennis Munari.*

*In 1961, Antonio Fornasier became president of the youth club and also took the position of representative of Marconi soccer club in the Southern Districts Soccer Association. Armando Del Caro was the first coach of the side the same year and was largely responsible for the success of the team.*

*With Del Caro still in charge, Marconi became a member of the NSW Soccer Federation, leaving a team of juniors to represent Marconi in the Southern Districts Soccer Association.*

*Its first season in the NSWFA was highly successful. Marconi won the First Division amateur championship by eight points. It won the Amateur Cup, beating none other than Sydney-Austral at Wentworth Park in front of 15,000 spectators!*

*The following year, Marconi appointed a new coach, Mario Danieli. The team managed to stay in the Second Division surviving a drop into the amateur ranks. Marconi managed to win the Coni Cup beating APIA reserves 2-0 at Marconi Oval.*

*Tiko Jelisavcic, the highly successful Yugoslav player, came to coach Marconi in 1965, but could not save Marconi from dropping*

### Great players, and an outsta

*ping back to amateur ranks. In 1966, the coaching position changed again, but this time Joe Vassary managed to bring the team back into the NSW-SF Second Division.*

*In 1967, Marconi soccer club became an independent body, completely detached from the Social Club taking the name of Marconi Southern District Soccer Football Club. The first president was Mr Joe Morizzi, while Luciano, Marson became the first vice-president.*

*The club continued its good form and Mr Vassary was signed to continue as coach for another season. Fifth place in the competition was the club's most successful achievement in the Second Division.*

*Las Scheinflug decided to quit Prague and move to Marconi in 1969, certainly a move that started a new era at Bosley Park. Marconi won the Second Division championship (1970) and became a member of the First Division of the NSW-SF championships.*

*In 1972, under the coaching of Rale Basic, Marconi won the*

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Concrete;

## E. Galazzo of Galazzo Ceramics

## A. Giffi of Giffi Plumbing Services



van Djordjevic, Craig Mason, Bertie Mariani. Middle row: Steve Calderon, front row: David Lowe, Peter Sharne, Bruce James, Joe Rizzotto, Tommy Camilleri.

# CONI

challenge trophy against a star-studded St George-Budapest, to

Rale Basic's first success with the new club.

The following year, Rale Basic managed to carry off the first major domestic title, Marconi, in one of the most entertaining grand finals. Marconi defeated Hakoah to carry off the premiership trophy.

In the following three years, Marconi was always among the leaders, but had to battle with such giants of soccer as St George, Hakoah and PIA.

This proved a tall order for the Marconi team despite the presence of

talented players as well as some of the most experienced men in soccer.

Among the most notable players of the era were:

## great coaches standing record

Les Scheinflug (Prague, NSW Australia), Johnny Giacometti (APIA), John Roche (Australia), Alfredo Moschen (Paleo, La Rioja), George Kinnell (Sunderland), Juventus Melbourne, Western Suburbs), Alan Griffiths (Sutherland), Peter Wilson and Max Wilson (South Coast and Australia).

In 1977, the club entered the Philips Cup, the first national soccer competition in this country, and finished second on goal difference to Sydney-based Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs.

Rale Basic, the coach of the very successful side in 1977, must still be having nightmares of that terrible day when Marconi was beaten in the first round by Adelaide Juventus 4-0. Marconi couldn't turn the tables on Adelaide City in a return match in Adelaide, while Hakoah managed to beat City twice that year.

So despite its great win over Hakoah (4-2) and a drawn game in their second encounter, Marconi couldn't match the goal difference missing by four goals to win top spot.

In the Philips Cup, Marconi ousted the champions Eastern Suburbs-

Hakoah in the first round, showing once again its superiority over the team from Bondi. Marconi followed with a great win over Canberra City (5-1), then a memorable 3-2 win over Fitzroy in Melbourne despite two setbacks during the game.

In the final, Marconi had to travel to Brisbane to play Brisbane City. The game finished 1-1 and went into extra time. After the game was drawn, penalties were taken and the Brisbane team proved more successful. It was a sad end for the team that was twice successful against Brisbane City in the championship, winning 1-0 on both occasions!

The following year, Marconi bowed out in the first round of the Philips Cup and penalties were the cause of departure again! Beaten by the strongest NSW State League team, Croatia, Marconi now had only one goal — winning the Philips League.

Halfway through the championship, Marconi was miles in front of the second-placed team, and no one doubted the ability of Marconi to stay at the top but it was not to be the year.

Six points in front after 12 rounds, Marconi experienced the worst slump in its existence to finish fourth. In the top four competition, Marconi was soundly beaten by Eastern Suburbs for the Grand Final to finish off a bitter season for the Fairfield team.

But that experience was soon forgotten for in 1979, Marconi won the National League championship. It was a great year for the club. Coach Les Scheinflug won the soccer press association's Coach of the Year award. Ivo Prakalo was named Player of the Year, Eddie Krnecic was named under-21 Player of the Year, while Mark Jankovic and Peter Sharne, the "Fairfield Flyer", both were named in the National League Team of the Year.

Marconi won the championship by four points from Heidelberg Alexander and was to finish on top of the Melbourne-based club again the following year — this time in the final of the 1980 Philips Cup — but not before a nailbiting 0-0 draw in the final in Melbourne. The replay, at Marconi Stadium, saw the home team completely dominate the Victorians, running out comfortable 3-0 victors. Gary Byrne, Krnecic and Sharne were the scorers.

The Marconi team that night, with player ratings, was: Maher 8 — Prakalo 8 — Bogan 7, Muir 9, Henderson 8 — Cart 8, Byrne 8, Raskopoulos 7 — Sharne 8, Jankovic 8, Krnecic 8.

Marconi finished 4th in the league in 1980, slumped to 14th in 1981, its lowest ever NSL finish, 10th in 1983 then 9th last year.

Its coaches in the NSL have been: Rale Basic (1977, 78); Les Scheinflug (1979, 80, 84); Raul Blanco (1981); Luciano Nesti (1981); Dom Kapetanovic (1982); Doug Collins (1983); and Tony Henderson (1983).

Marconi truly is one of the great clubs in Australian soccer.

## Scheinflug: We'll be at our best in final five series

By  
CRAIG  
MACKENZIE



• Marconi coach Les Scheinflug is a legendary figure in Australian soccer. He captained the national team, scoring Australia's first ever goal in the World Cup (against North Korea in 1965), was assistant coach to Rale Basic in 1974 when the Socceroos reached the World Cup final in West Germany, was assistant coach to Rudi Gutendorf and replaced Gutendorf as national coach in 1981. Under Scheinflug, the Socceroos won 14 games, drew 1 and lost 5. For reasons best known to the ASFA's World Cup committee, Scheinflug was sacked last March and Frank Arok appointed national coach. Scheinflug was born in Yugoslavia but went to Australia with his parents when he was two years old. He was 17 when he came to Australia and made his first team debut when he was 19. He played with Marconi for 11 years and was captain-coach of Marconi in 1963 and 1970. His coaching record in the NSL is: 1977 — coached Brisbane Lions to 10th; 1978 — coached Adelaide City Juventus to 10th and beaten finalist in Philips Cup; 1979 — coached Marconi to NSL championship; 1980 — coached Marconi to 4th and won Philips Cup. He was appointed late last year for his third term as coach of Marconi.

out the pain that action brought to a man who had captained Australia, then coached it from 1981 until March, 1984, achieving some great results in the process.

"I can't say the youth major aim is to bring some credibility back to our national team and I really believe that I helped to bring credibility back to Australian soccer. Look at the youngsters I took to last year's World Youth Cup finals in Mexico. Almost every one of these lads now are established National League players.

"Look, don't get me wrong. I sincerely hope that the people in charge of the national team are successful and make it to the World Cup final. But I think Frank Arok doesn't make the same mistake so many national coaches make and allow others to tell him which club or which country he should play against just because the ASFA can arrange for that club or country to come here.

"Frank Arok has to stand up and tell the ASFA which teams he wants to play against. He has to be allowed to map out his own program to prepare us for World Cup games.

"And while we're talking about the World Cup, let me say right here and now that I believe NZ will be up there again."

"Okay, enough of the national team. Let's get back to Marconi. Why did Scheinflug take on the job late last year?

"I felt that there were some very good young players there and Marconi is a solid club which could give me the opportunity to work and to build. Also, I live about five minutes away from the club so it's virtually on my doorstep and travel isn't a problem.

"Ron Cavagnino (the chairman) is the man I mainly deal with and we get on just great together. He's doing an exceptionally fine job of running the club.

"All I said to Ron was that I would be very, very disappointed if we couldn't finish in the top five this year."

"Well, it doesn't look like Scheinflug will be a disappointed man. Let's look at the 17 players in his first team squad, and his appraisal of them:

BRUCE JAMES (Goalkeeper): "Our most consistent player this year. He works harder than anyone else. Nothing is too much for him. Coming off his line, he has no peers and he's in the best two goalkeepers in Australia. He's good in the air and has a fine shot and, of course, he's young, so I'm looking for big things in the future from him."

PAUL CARTER (Defender): "One of the most promising defenders in the country. He's skilful and he overlaps well but, very importantly, his defensive qualities are good."

TONY HENDERSON (Midfielder): "A very well known in Australian soccer. Tony's the captain and the real backbone of the side. I hope that in the next five or six weeks he proves to everyone that he should be back in the national team."

STEVE CALDERON (Defender): "Very, very solid, a real all-round defender and a fine stopper. Excellent in the air. Steve's only 22 and he believes we're all going to hear a lot more about him."

JOHN SPANOS (Utility): "A great team player and he's really fitted in well. We had him in the team a lot when we first got him from Heidelberg earlier this year because he wasn't fit enough but he's worked hard. He reads the game very well and is extremely versatile."

BERTIE MARIANI (Utility): "A good all-round player. Bertie's getting on a bit now and lacks a bit in pace but he can make up for that with quickness of mind. He's good in the air and a very, very solid player."

TM CULLOCH (Midfielder): "This lad's got tons of ability and he's every bit as good as keeper as he is in midfield. He's only 21 and he's a superb passer of a ball. He needs more experience, especially international experience but that will come. He's got a really, really great future."

CRAIG MASON (Midfielder): "He made a hell of a difference to the team when he joined us this year from Newcastle. He's fitted in quickly and really stabilised things in midfield. He's a really solid player, who plays it simply but effectively and he's a very good passer of a ball."

MARK JANKOVIC (Midfielder or forward): "A top goal poacher. Mark's been

playing above average this year and he's a player who can do job for Marconi in years to come."

ROD BROWN (Forward): "We've yet to see the best of him. He's one of the quickest forwards in Australian soccer and he's very, very sharp. He's got two good feet and a fine shot and, of course, he's young, so I'm looking for big things in the future from him."

DAVID LOWE (Forward): "The type of player I really admire. A very intelligent player and an exceptionally good player. Look, I make no bones about it. If I was still national coach, then David Lowe would be in the senior national team. That's what I think of this lad."

RENE LICATA (Winger): "Rene hasn't lived up to expectations this year. His problem is that he lacks concentration. He flashes in and out of a game and shows some tremendous skills but he must concentrate and work very hard at his game for full 90 minutes."

ATTILIO CARBONE (Utility): "A good utility player. I can play him up front or in midfield and he always does a job for us."

MARTIN DRIENE (Utility): "This kid has just turned 17 and let me tell you that he's one of the greatest prospects in Australian soccer right now! I've been bringing him along for the past six months and what a future he's got. He can play at the back, in midfield, or up front. He's an exceptional talent."

JOE RIZZOTTO (Defender): "One of the best tacklers in the game. It's a pity for him and for Marconi that he's been injured and although he started training last week I really believe that we'll have to get a second opinion on his injury because I think that he's going to need a cartilage operation. That's a blow, but if he has the operation soon, he can come back next season."

JOVAN DJORDJEVIC (Utility): "A big loss, due to cartilage and cruciate ligament problems. He's fast, skilful and very experienced. And he can play in a variety of positions. Just the sort of player every top team needs. We'll have to see how he gets over his injuries but if he recovers fully then he's the sort of player who can do an important job for Marconi."

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# Doves not down yet!

**Morwell Falcons** need just one point from Saturday's Selwyn Park clash with Albion Rovers to wrap up the 1984 State League championship while Doveton must beat St Albans Dinamo at Waratah Reserve on

*By CRAIG MAC KENZIE*

**Sunday to cling onto its slender chance of avoiding relegation.**

If the Doves win, they'll be just two points behind Dinamo with a much better goal difference. That means that the fate of Doveton and Dinamo will hinge on Doveton's postponed clash with Croydon at Croydon Park and no doubt quite a few Croatians will turn up to urge on Croydon that day.

The men Doveton fans will look to against Dinamo this Sunday are Jim Nelson, whose two goals against Knox last weekend earned his side a point; Graham Watson, who is giving good support to Nelson up front; and midfielders Matt McDonald, Billy Buchanan and Gerry Edmondson. Young Greg McLeod probably will be given the job of tagging Dinamo's leading scorer, Dennis Morovic, and McLeod has the height to match it with Morovic in the air.

Provided the Doves haven't prematurely given up the

ghost and are revved up for this one, they'll do the job. Morwell should beat Albion. And it now seems certain that Falcons will replace Sunshine-George Cross in the National Conference next season. There has been doubt about Falcons' desire to enter the NSL but last Friday the club was granted a full liquor licence and now feels that it can generate the kind of income needed to survive at the highest club level in the land.

Falcons seem certain to lose goalkeeper Bill Whiteside at the end of the season. It appears the Whiteside is tired of travelling and training requirements and feels that it's time he dropped down the leagues (like joining North Dandy in Metro First Division?). Anyway, what a great way to bow out — with a championship medal. And that's what will happen on Saturday at Selwyn.

If Albion defies the odds and wins, then Knox City better prepared for an all-out assault on its goal when it travels to Raleigh Reserve to meet second placed Polonia on Sun-

day. Janusz Przybyla and Carl Gilder starred up front against Northcote last weekend while Joe Tront and George Petrov tore the Northerners apart in midfield. Polonia is the stronger outfit and seems certain to down Knox.

The best rumor about Polonia's coach John Gardner is that he'll be wearing Green Gully's colors next year. We hear that Gardner will be lining up as sweeper for Gully, linking up once more with Stuart Cannell at the heart of Gully's defense.

**SATURDAY**  
FRANKSTON PINES v Western Suburbs at Monterey Boulevard, 3pm.

Broadmeadows v RINGWOOD WILHELMINA at Laura Douglas Reserve, 3pm.

Albion Rovers v MORWELL FALCONS at Selwyn Park, 3pm.

**SUNDAY**  
POLONIA v Knox City at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

DOVETON v St Albans Dinamo at Waratah Reserve, 3pm.

Box Hill v Fawkner (draw) at Wembly Park, 3pm.

CROYDON v Northcote at Croydon Park, 3pm.

**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Fitzpatrick (Dove), 2. Healey (Knox), 1. Watson (Dove).**

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**KNOX CITY 2 (Healey 20th, Bryden 68th) DOVETON 0 (Nelson 60th, 89th) at Egan Leo Reserve, Saturday.**

**KNOX CITY: Brian 7 — Stoffle 6, Bissinger 7, Murray 6, Lesbirel 7**

**Healey 8, Smith 7 (Brindie 89th), Bryden 6, Gerrish 6 — House 6, Masters 6 (Byrne 65th), Coach: Eric Lesbirel.**

**DOVETON: Radov 7 — Dixey 6, Gadsby 7, McLeod 8, Fitzpatrick 9**

**— M. McDonald 6, Buchanan 7, Edmondson 6 — Watson 8, Nelson 7, Lennon 6, Coach: Ian Williams.**

**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Fitzpatrick (Dove), 2. Healey (Knox), 1. Watson (Dove).**

**MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Stirton 72nd) CROYDON 0 at North Cringan Reserve, Saturday.**

**MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 8 — Higham 9, Bruns 8, Clarke 8**

**Train 7 — T. van Baar 7, Moore 7, MacLean 7, Cassar 7 (Kent 56th)**

**— Stirton 8, Athersich 7, Coach: Jimmy Dunn.**

**CROYDON: Kastner 8 — Rainey 7, Singleton 9, Bates 8, Brown 8**

**— Livingston 6, Kerr 9, Griffith 7 — Loughnane 6 (Kiley 70th), French 8, Irvine 7 (Saisi 70th), Coach: Peter Ollerton.**

**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Higham (MF), 2. Singleton (Croy), 1. Kerr (Croy).**

**ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Morovic penalty 34th) BOX HILL 1 (Smith penalty 20th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.**

**ST ALBANS DINAMO: Debeljuk 6 — Kuzman 7, Bozic 6, Radman 6, Nobili 6 — Batimovic 6, Pavlović 7 (Ramljak 87th), Brkljacic 6, Culina 6 — Morovic 6, Bruno 7, Coach: Joe Spoljar.**

**BOX HILL: McKenna 7 — Roodhouse 7, Brooks 6, Brownie 6, A. Roodhouse 6, Hughes 6, Underwood 7, White 6 — Azopardi 6, Smith 6, Verechka 6, Coach: Bill Murray.**

**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. I. Roodhouse (Box Hill), 2. Underwood (Box Hill), 1. Bruno (St A).**

**FAWKNER 0 FRANKSTON PINES 0 at Smith Reserve, Sunday.**

**FAWKNER: Terzini 6 — Giacomi 7, Angele 7, Macleod 7, Hobson 6**

**Sabatino 6 (Boyle 67th), Bannon 6, Lia 8 — Palinkas 6, Cozzella 6, Tuffield 7, Coach: Gus Macleod.**

**FRANKSTON PINES: Kovac 5 (Inj. Stutchbury H.T. 6) — Thurlow 8, Culen 8, Livingstone 7, Beech 6 — Cooke 6, Hodgson 6 (Luca 84th), Ross 7, Thomas 6 — Spencer 6, Rust 7, Coach: Danny McMinnie.**

**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Thurlow (Pines), 2. Culen (Pines), 1. Lia (Fawk).**

**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Werszawski 60th) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Jubilee Park, Sunday.**

**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 9 — Fryatt 7, Haupt 7, Murray 7, Verners 6 — Shannan 6, Storm 8, Burton 7 — Werszawski 7, Pilbeam 6 (White 75th), Stewart 7, Coach: Cor Teuw.**

**ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 7 — Galea 5, D'Sylva 8, Gatt 6, Douglas 6 — Bennett 6, Reilly 6, Purcell 6 — Buzas 5 (Alfonso 70th), Gilmour 5, Robertson 5, Coach: Billy McIntyre.**

**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Lee (RW), 2. D'Sylva (Albion), 1. Storm (RW).**

**POLOMIA 7 (Przybyla 20th, 65th, 83rd, Gilder 2nd, 22nd, Petrov 4th, Tront 69th) NORTHCOTE 1 (Constantinou 59th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.**

**POLOMIA: Gilder 6, Lepiarski 6, Mila 6, Czaplinski 6, Smolarek 8 — Mila 7, Gibson 7, Tront 7, Gregorius 7, Petrov 9 (Kolanic 70th), Przybyla 9, Gilder 9, Coach: John Gardner.**

**NORTHCOTE: Arfanakis 4 — Patinoris 3, Bozikis 4, Katsakidis 5, Wilson 7 — Toro 2, Quigley 4, Wright 6 — Bekaris 6, Micevski 5, Constantinou 5, Coach: Jimmy Pyrgolios.**

**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Petrov (Pol), 2. Gilder (Pol), 1. Przybyla (Pol).**

**WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Stirton 37th, Lazopoulos 84th) BROADMEADOWS 0 at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.**

**WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris 7 — Hamill 7, Dimovski 7, Howe 7, Lekkas 7 (sent 73rd) — Christodoulis 7, Kakantonis 8, Muzzel 7 — Coyle 7, Stirton 9 (Inj. Diliberto 86th), Lazopoulos 10, Coach: Jimmy Condilis.**

**BROADMEADOWS: Gredi 7 — Smart 7, Donaldson 8, Vizzini 7, Ell 7 — Hiba 6, Blair 8, Stoklos 7 — Cooke 6, Campbell 8, Campbell 6 (Watson 80th), Coach: Jimmy McIntyre.**

**Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Lazopoulos (WS), 2. Stirton (WS), 1. Blair (Broad).**

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**Leading votegivers:**

**29 — Smith (Box Hill)**

**25 — Lazopoulos (WS)**

**20 — MacLeod (Morw)**

**19 — Tuffield (Pines), Stirton (WS)**

**18 — Burton (Wiel)**

**17 — D'Sylva (Albion), 1. Roodhouse (Box Hill), Moore (Morw), Mila (Pols), Culina (Sta)**

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**Leading scorers:**

**22 — Stirton (Box Hill)**

**21 — Przybyla (Polonia)**

**17 — Lazopoulos (WS), Moore (Morw)**

**16 — Cozzella, Tuffield (Pines)**

**15 — House (Knox), Stirton (Morw)**

**14 — Constantinou (North), Micevski (St A)**

**By MICK MITTEN**

**Polonia 7**

**Northcote 1**

**Scorers: Przybyla 20th, 65th, 83rd, Gilder 2nd, 22nd, Petrov 4th, Tront 69th, Constantinou 59th (Northcote).**

**Venue: Raleigh Reserve.**

**Polonia led 3-0 after 22 minutes and it was no contest. In fact, had Polonia finished better it easily could have reached double figures.**

**But seven goals aren't bad for a substitute work. And how fitting that his deluge should come on an afternoon when Polonia officials honored Andrew Czapnik, in his 17th season with the club, by making a presentation to him before the match. Czapnik will retire at the end of the season. He's easily Polonia's longest serving player in history and his outstanding service to the club is a feat which looks unlikely to be matched.**

**Believe it or not, Polonia's culprit in the finishing department was star striker Przybyla who blew a great chance to all but wrap up the VSF Travel award for the leading scorer in the 1984 State League. Okay, Przybyla got a hat-trick to take him to just one goal behind Box Hill star Steve Smith but Przybyla missed from two one-on-one situations against George Arfanakis and the Polish striker rarely misses chances like these.**

**Apart from the goal spree, another feature of this game was the refereeing and linesmanship. Przybyla was given a free kick by referee Alan Hemmes to all but wrap up the VSF Travel award for the leading scorer in the 1984 State League. Okay, Przybyla got a hat-trick to take him to just one goal behind Box Hill star Steve Smith but Przybyla missed from two one-on-one situations against George Arfanakis and the Polish striker rarely misses chances like these.**

**But don't think that referee Hemmes is the worst referee in State League. Far from it. Here he was let down by his linesman, Brian Tront.**

**But onto the goals. Good work by Przybyla and Mirek Smolarek in the 2nd minute put George Petrov in the clear. Petrov's cross found George Bozikis completely missing with an attempt to clear and an elated Carl Gilder turned and smacked the ball into the far corner to make it 1-0.**

**Polonia's second goal was a gem. It came in the 20th minute and involved a series of delightful one-touch moves.**

**Gilder played the ball to Przybyla who played it to Joe Tront. Petrov, out wide, was put in possession by Tront and the youngster knocked the ball back into Przybyla who rolled it on to the edge of the six yard line.**

**Northcote hardly had time to budge before Polonia put the goal number three. Petrov won the ball and played it inside to Przybyla who sent Gilder clear and front the edge of the Northcote area. Gilder cracked a low shot into the far corner.**

**Petrov won the ball from Czapnik in the 40th minute, played it to Gilder and Gilder charged down the middle and from 15 metres out let fly with a firm, low shot and Arfanakis was beaten for the fourth time in the first half.**

**Northcote had to wait for the 50th minute. A Quigley cross from the left was headed back neatly by Mike Micevski to Peter Constantinou whose first time volley sent the ball whistling past Mike Lukac and into the far corner for a fine goal.**

**This stung Polonia back into action.**

**Just minutes later a long kick-out by Lukac was headed on by Gilder to Przybyla who raced clear then struck the ball into the far corner to make it 5-1.**

**This year again the competition will be held to help the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.**

**The Waverley six-a-side is the largest held in Victoria and the only one which helps to raise money for charity.**

**Anyone requiring information can do so by phoning Eric Richardson on 25 3410 or the co-ordinator, Paul Webster, on 534 2409.**

**Teams will play in eight groups of four on the Saturday, the top two going through, and four groups of four on the Sunday, the top team from each group going into the semi-final.**

**Also on the Sunday, eight under-16 teams will be playing in a mini-comp between the senior games.**

**Games are 10 minutes each way except for the semi-finals and final which are 15 minutes each way.**

**Last year's finalists were Doveton and Ringwood Wilhelmina with Doveton winning 4-3 after extra time.**

**The Waverley council has finished Waverley's new social rooms and dressing room complex and when the finishing**

**lasts, the club will be better prepared for the start of the 1985 season than it was for the 1984 season.**

**After losing practically the whole of last year's team of experienced players, Ringwood had a poor start this year collecting only six points from the first 10 matches.**

**However, under new coach Ken Kontra and with players of the calibre of Peter Vassilis, Alan Nelson, John Stejanovic, Jim Mills, Rudi Drossler, Tony Gilmour, Paul Jevtic and Derek Bailey guiding the younger players, Ringwood collected 18 points in Metro Division Two.**

**Ringwood is keen to recruit about four experienced players and intends to retain**

**all of this year's senior squad to ensure a smoother and more successful passage through next season.**

**Youngsters who have shown good potential this year and should improve further after a year's experience with the senior squad are: Slav Milanic, Orham Demir, Mickey Djuric, Lubisa Bosnic, Mick Sedlacevic, Milivoj Stevanovic, Marko Perce and Billy Ross.**

**Interested players who want to be part of Ringwood's campaign for promotion next year should ring Branko Jevtic on 870 5847 (A.H.) or Ken Kontra on 725 5392 (A.H.).**

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# MURRAY'S MEN ON THE HUNT FOR CUP GLORY

St. Albans 1  
Box Hill 1

Scorers: Smith 20th pen,  
Morovic 34th pen.  
Venue: Churchill Reserve.

The championship battle has been lost but Box Hill is keen to bring silverware to its club rooms and will be making all-out bids for the Dockey Cup and State League Cup in the coming weeks.

That was the loud warning at the end of this match from Box Hill coach Billy Murray, who also shed some light into future plans for himself and the Hillmen.

"We're out to prove we're a side to be reckoned with in the Cups and I certainly believe we can do all the way in other competition," Murray said.

"We've lost out a little in

the league games and decisions from referees like this afternoon certainly haven't helped us — but the season is far from over yet and we've got plenty to play for."

Murray was a little coy talking about his own plans for next year, saying only that he has had preliminary talks with Box Hill officials and doesn't as yet know whether he will be staying on.

But by the way he talked so enthusiastically about the seemingly undemanding supply of juniors coming through the

200 games,  
200 goals  
for Craig!

On July 21, Berwick City's under-10 player Craig Ireland played his 200th game for the club against Dingley.

This is a remarkable feat for such a young player, but Craig started his soccer career at the tender age of three and a half when he represented the Berwick under-7 team. At that age it was impossible for his parents, Gladys and Craig, to purchase a set of soccer boots small enough for him to play in gum boots cut down to size.

Because of his exceptional ability, Craig is very much in demand by coaches of the older teams and consequently he has reached the 200 game milestone earlier than if he only had played in his own age group.

In the match against Dingley, Craig also scored his 200th goal which provided a marvellous double celebration.

The key to Craig's success is his enthusiasm to practice on his own every day in his back yard, kicking the ball against the wall and fence, as every young player must do in order to develop his ball control

skills.

**KURT DIES**

Kurt Goettlicher, who started with Richmond, St. Albans and Footscray J.U.S.T., died last Friday at the age of 46.

He was a member of the German team that won the junior section of the Victorian Ladies' World Cup in 1957.

A highly talented forward, Goettlicher returned to West Germany after playing for St. Albans, Richmond and J.U.S.T., and had stints there with Karlsruhe, and Union Boecking before coming back to Australia and once more playing with Richmond and St. Albans.

He ended his career in 1968

due to illness.

By PETER DESIRA



Bill Murray

ranks at Box Hill and who he plans to promote into the senior team soon, one was given every indication that the quiet, low-key man got his heart set on the club.

"Steve Smith was denied the right sort of service from the midfield today but we have already taken steps to rectify that and have already set in motion plans to bring out former Welsh youth international Chris Taylor, a 22-year-old, who has given service to Wrexham in the English League.

"And there are two very exciting youngsters to come up to the senior ranks for next year who will lose any of our senior players."

"One is Zdravko Basic who is still only 16 but is showing up really well and will be pushing hard for a regular fullback spot next year."

"And Craig Davidson has already had limited senior experience in the back line and has a lot of ability."

Meanwhile, the draw at Churchill Reserve practically assured St. Albans of State League safety since Broad-

## ASF no to Craig

Liverpool's Craig Johnston cannot play for the Socceroos, according to the Australian Soccer Federation.

Speculation has been running rife that Johnston, currently in Australia waiting for his wife to give birth to their first child, could be called on by national coach Frank Arrok to play for the Socceroos.

But ASF executive director Brian Emery confirmed that Johnston had twice played for the England under 21 side. He could not be reached for comment.

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Auburn Uruguay had a fine season in the NSW State League this year but will financial trouble force the club to fold?

## Is this the end for Auburn?

Auburn-Uruguay finished a very creditable third in the club championship for 1984. All three grades finished fifth in their respective competitions and each just missed out on the play-off series.

A very fine effort indeed, for a side that struggled to remain in the State League last year and in credit to its coaching staff as well as the players.

However, not all is well on the home front for this famous NSW outfit.

While the club administrators are heaping praise on senior coach Ljubo Gajovic and his ability to build a team around just a few players who remained from last season's squad, there was some dissatisfaction amongst them regarding this year's merger with the Uruguayan commun-

"It was nothing short of a dismal failure," said the club's long standing secretary

Fred Parker.

"The promise of crowd support and sponsorship money never eventuated. We had great hopes and we believed all the promises given to us, but they never came to fruition," added the Auburn secretary.

To look at Auburn's success on the field and its five 0-0 losses as well as four 0-0 draws, games which Auburn could so easily have won had its inept forward line played with a tiny bit more composure, is to realise that the team could have challenged for top spot.

Like most clubs, Auburn is having difficulties to sustain a soccer team in the State

League with a budget of \$50,000 a year needed. When the expected help did not arrive from its Uruguayan partner, the Auburn-Uruguay committee sat down and decided to cut the players' wages.

Players were brought to the club and told of the situation, with the result that only \$20 a week will be paid to each one till the end of the current season and should the club be lucky enough to run into some money then the players will benefit. All the players were shown the open door and could go to any other club or remain with the side.

The character of the players

shone through and all decided to stay.

## NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

However, there is a big question mark as to whether the club can continue next year. According to its secretary, the club is looking for a sponsor, but few options are open.

"We could merge with another interested party, be sold or cease operating," said Mr Parker this week.

"It would be a shame to lose so much after such a wonderful effort in 1984. We have one of the best coaches in the country, a playing staff which did us proud and facilities did not match in our competition. It would be almost criminal to give it all away — not to mention the club colours, very dear to me and to all Australians — green and gold."

## Monaro marches into Grand Final

### Inter Monaro 2 Rockdale 1

Scorers: Valeri 27th, 65th  
pen; Brown 84th.

Venue: St George Stadium.

Rockdale Ilinden will have to front this week at the Gabbie to face Manly Warringah for the right to challenge Inter Monaro in the Grand Final to be

played at Marconi Stadium in two week's time. But it could have been all so different...

Walter Valeri put Inter Monaro 1-0 up at half time, then Ross Brown equalised midway through the second stanza.

Inter came back almost within a minute to snatch the winner through a disputed penalty.

## Four new games for Roos' world tour?

Two matches in Italy and one each in Greece and Yugoslavia are set to be added to the Socceroos' itinerary for their November-December world tour.

Australian soccer Federation marketing manager Peter Sheehan said that the games would be sandwiched in between a match in Holland on November 20 and the final game against England B at St James Park in Newcastle on December 5.

Sheehan said: "The delay in finalising the schedule is purely one of fitting to European club schedules at a time when leagues, European Cup competitions and internationals are all well on the go."

"Fortunately we can obtain a weekend match in Italy because the national team is playing and league fixtures have been suspended."

"With the Greek and Yugoslav clubs it is purely a matter of getting them to finalise the contracts."

On present indications the Socceroos tour will be the best ever organised.

National coach Frank Arrok wants some lesser games to be interspersed with tough ones so that up-coming squad members can receive the right baptism to the international scene.

He views the object of the entire exercise as one of obtaining vigorous European experience. Australia will have to play against one European nation to qualify for the 1986 World Cup final in Mexico if it can win its way through the oceania zone preliminaries.

The portion of the tour itinerary finalised to date was announced by ASF executive director Brian Emery.

It is: Nov 3 v China A, Nov 5 v China B both at Beijing (Peking), Nov 11 v Shanghai at Shanghai, Nov 14 v Canton at Canton, Nov 14 v Manchester City, Nov 16 v Nottingham Forest, Nov 18 v Glasgow Rangers, Nov 20 v Ajax Amsterdam.

The matches in Glasgow and Nottingham have an exciting flavour.

Australian international David Mitchell has won favour with Rangers manager Jock Wallace and has started the 1984-85 season as a first team squad member.

South Melbourne Helles defender Alan Davidson has won a rewarding contract with Nottingham Forest and will join the club before the Australian party arrives in England.

National coach Arrok pointed out that he already has two expatriate Australians in Mitchell and Eddie Krncevic under close observation.

He said: "Mitchell certainly does not have to be introduced to our squad as he was a valued member during the games here in June."

"I am keen to get an update on the form of striker Eddie Krncevic, who is now with Duisburg."

"I was in Europe when he transferred from Yugoslavia to West Germany. It was a big money deal and brought huge interest from the Germans."

"He is already an Australian national team player, and it was quite clear to me that he was likely to be a huge success."

Billy Willcox would have done his chances for the 1984 Oscars a ton of good and the referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

What prompted the referee to have that penalty re-taken remains a mystery since the shot by Valeri went straight at the keeper who put his arms up to push the shot over the bar. One would have wondered if referee Douneau had asked for the kick to be retaken as the keeper moved early but surely he could not be in the middle of his goal palming the ball over the bar for a corner kick!

Valeri made sure with his second kick and in the end that was the kick that decided the issue.

Inter Monaro certainly had some fine performers on the day with Valeri, Giampaolo and Domazetovic leading the way, while Ambrosino and Hocking showed great composure under pressure at the feet of Jones to save.

Tony Brennan's form continued to puzzle, while Billy Willcox, again on his brilliant dive in the 60th, did very little in midfield.

Inter had some bright moments during this match. Its first goal came soon after a brilliant move by Giampaolo in the 26th, but Giampaolo's cross eluded many as it flew low across the box. Only a minute later, Valeri took a stroll through the weak Rockdale defence to plant one past Kotzhabatos and give Inter its second.

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through twice in the closing stages of the game but to no avail.

Rockdale Ilinden had some good openings and star striker Ross Brown could have helped himself to a goal or two. Slavesci's free kick in the 5th minute grazed the crossbar as Rockdale appeared to have taken an early advantage in this game. Terry Jones, Ilinden's best player on the day, provided Brown with his first opportunity midway through the first half but some good anticipation by Angelo Ambrosino saved Inter. Brown's shot was cleared off the line by Ambrosino.

With seven minutes to go in the first period, when Michael Hocking got into the box, Ristevski found Terry Jones inside the box. But there was the Inter keeper diving bravely at the feet of Jones to save.

Harry Williams deflected a shot by Brown over the bar in the 50th, then came the two quick goals in the 64th and 65th minutes.

Brown equalised with a shot from the edge of the box then came Willcox's performance which gave Inter its lead.

I know that all this may sound a trifle strong. However, for those who stood on the terraces it wasn't at all amusing and should Rockdale beat Manly this week and qualify for the Grand Final there is one advice I would like to offer to those who administer the game in NSW: Give better protection to players and officials!

## FIRST GRADE

INTER MONARO 2 (Valeri 26th, 65th pen) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Brown 64th) ast St George Stadium.

Crowd: 650

INTER MONARO: Hocking 9 — Domazetovic 8, Frances 7, Ambrosino 7, Williams 7, — Willcox 5, Farrell 6, (74th Wilkel), Valeri 8 — Montesoro 7, Brennan 6, (84th Colbaltardo), Giampaolo 7.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzhabatos 7, — Degnev 7, Atanasovski 7, (Trajanovski) 7, D. Wilson 6, J. Wilson 7, — Nikolovski 6, Slavesci 7, Nastevski 7, — Ristevski 6, Brown 6, Jones 8.

## SECOND GRADE

MANLY WARRINGAH 2 (Fox 44th, 51st) KU-RING-GAI 1 (Hunter 39th, G. Williamson 74th) at St George Stadium.

MANLY: Jones, Scobie (67th Plaud), Sestanovic, Sargent, Lynch, Barker, Etherington, Juergens, Davison (Poulson 84th), Woodward, Fox.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Ings, Foufas, Martin, Franklin, N. Williamson, Seach, Harper (Low 65th), Hunter, G. Williamson, McCann.

## THIRD GRADE

SUTHERLAND 2 (Theodore og. Duncan 68th, Lovelock 70th) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Lerman 56th) at St George Stadium.

SUTHERLAND: Mrvici, Rankin, Christolou, Tever, Messori (Melia 49th), Wierns, Nelson, Robinson, Duncan, Lovelock, Logue.

MANLY: Bedding, Theodore, Melville, Dennis, Vargas, Nicholson (Annan 32nd), McShane (Gonzales 70th), Simarosi, Green, Larman, Loughran.

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**When the Premier Division of the District Leagues was formed, Pascoe Vale was a member club. Many of Pascoe Vale's players of that era went to bigger clubs: Nick Babovic went to Preston Mak-**

**don, then to Yugal in Sydney and from there switched to Canberra, John Tilovski spent two years at Footscray J.U.S.T. and Miro Danovski spent two years at J.U.S.T. One of Pascoe Vale's greatest of that era was goalkeeper Ilo Duklevski, who played with Pilester in Yugoslavia. He later moved to Preston Makdonals.**

**In the late 60's and early 70's, Pascoe Vale's president was George Danovski, a man who carried the club through some trying times. In 1976, Frank Pard was appointed coach. Pard was the first ever paid coach hired by the club.**

**Chris Danovski was president at that time and one of the club's greatest ever players, Steve Danovski, was at his peak. He played with Pascoe Vale from 1966 until his retirement in 1981.**

**When the Provisional Leagues were formed in the 1970's Pascoe Vale was in Provisional One but the club hit upon tough times, eventually slipping to Division Four.**

**That move was arrested in 1982. With Jim Tona as president, Chris Danovski as secretary, Jim Babo as treasurer and a soccer committee which included Len Dagozzi, Miro Danovski, Lou Tona, John Tilovski, Mike Pujcic and Nick Babovic, Pascoe Vale started its surge back up.**

**Under coach Miro Danovski and with 12 new contract players, Pascoe Vale's rise was highlighted by this year's Second Division**

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**Pascoe Vale's major sponsor this year is Goodall's Insurance Services of Preston. Other sponsors are Tres Ben Businesses and Venetian Furniture of Coburg.**

**The committee this year is: George Tilovski (President); Lou Tona (secretary-manager); Jim Babo (treasurer) and the general committee consists of: John Tilovski, Jim Babo, Steve Danovski, Tom Nedovski, Alex Kapranoski, Chris Danovski, Tom Nedovski, Tom Colakovski and Vince Hrastek. Chris Babo is ground manager.**

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# LA JUVENTUS TROPPO SFORTUNATA

La venticinquesima giornata del campionato di Lega Nazionale ha prodotto una serie di risultati che non hanno affatto diminuito l'interesse nei rimanenti tre turni della competizione poiché la corsa la corsa all'importante quinto posto è rimasta quanto mai aperta in tutte e due i gironi.

Nel girone "nazionale" (Melbourne, Brisbane e Adelaide) rimane ancora un interrogativo su che finira' in cima

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alla classica, e' stata però risolta la retrocessione che sicuramente toccherà al George Cross.

Nel girone "australiano" (Sydney, Canberra e N.S.W.) è ancora tutto da risolvere: la battaglia per il primo posto è nettamente a favore del Sydney City, ma i quattro punti che lo separano dal

Sydney Olympic non rappresentano la certezza matematica, specialmente in vista dell'incontro diretto fra le due squadre per la partita conclusiva di "challenge". La lotta per il quinto posto e' ancora molto aperta a ben sei squadre che si trovano raggruppate in classifica con un solo punto di differenza, il che

significa che in teoria ognuna di queste squadre ha la possibilità di finire quinta... e il pericolo di venire retrocessa.

Poiché alla retrocessione sono candidati soltanto le squadre di Sydney, il Womeling che occupa il fanalino di coda con un solo punto di distacco dalla penultima, può dormire sonni tranquilli: dalla penultima (Newcastle Rosebud con 23 punti) alla quinta (Melita Eagles con 24 punti) tutto 3' perciò possibile; naturalmente non si debbono preoccupare della retrocessione nemmeno Newcastle e Canberra, ma e' sicuramente insolito che tante squadre posso ambare al quinto posto ed allo stesso tempo essere in pericolo di retrocedere.

Le prossime tre settimane vedranno quindi tutta una serie di partite all'ultimo sangue che avranno un peso determinante nel futuro di tutte le squadre.

E innegabile che queste situazioni di massimo interesse fino alle ultimissime battute del campionato e' da ascrivere in massima parte al "challenge rounds", la notiva assoluta di questo anno, che hanno levellato i valori in campo evitando così la possibilità di enormi distacchi in classifica che uccidono l'interesse della competizione con diverse settimane di anticipo sul calendario.

Ma ormai, come tutti sappiamo purtroppo, i "challenge rounds" sono stati aboliti per il prossimo campionato, anche se dietro considerazioni di una certa validità. E' persino tragico constatare che i primi esperimenti riuscissimi, come e' stato appunto quello dei "challenge rounds", vengono abbandonati per lo stato di barraonata amministrativa in cui si trova il calcio australiano.

E' innegabile che alcuni problemi sono affiorati nell'organizzazione dei "challenge rounds" fra squadre dei due gironi al punto che l'ultima di questi in programma ancora non si e' svolta e fu abolita e' rimasta con un solo "challenge round", fra squadre dello stesso girone, cio' e' successo per la scelta di Rogers e' stata praticamente invariabile. Per di piu' l'assenza di Miranda ha costretto Campbell nella posizione di regista del centrocampo. Il risultato e' stato che la difesa così' rinneggiata ha avuto in Rogers il suo punto debole (e ensuono puo' farne colpa al coraggioso capitano) con i difensori centrali Dowin e Drinocky che spesso hanno dovuto coprire anche il settore sinistro sbilanciando l'intera difesa; fortunatamente il rientrante Geremia sulla destra ha svolto un massacrante ed intelligente lavoro da tappabuchi.

Si trattava quindi di dover apportare delle piccole variazioni per sfruttare al massimo l'interesse di queste partite, ma il concetto era indubbiamente ottimo. Peccato che non c'e' stata abbastanza costanza a perseverare in un sistema che avrebbe dato tutti i risultati sperati. Ma questo e' il calcio australiano del momento: uno sconclusionato arrabbiarsi di gente che cambia, taglia, cancella e disorganizza con la insulsa motivazione di cercare di migliorare il calcio locale.

E' innegabile che il calcio, alla pari di quasi tutti gli altri sport, stia attraversando un periodo molto difficile ma alcune delle decisioni prese dagli enti responsabili negli ultimi tempi sembrano accelerare il processo di sfacelo invece di arrestarlo! Ma lasciamo a chi in autorita' il "diritto" di "non preoccuparsi" di queste cose.

Tornando al campionato di Lega Nazionale, uno dei risultati piu' buiardi dell'anno e' stato senza dubbio quello che ha condannato la Juventus di Melbourne ad una sconfitta per 0-3 di fronte al Preston. Se

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valori espressi in campo.

Ci sono vittorie e vittorie, vittorie hanno però offerto una pur minima consolazione alla Juventus. La sconfitta del JUST e del Green Gully le hanno dato respiro nella lotta per la quinta posizione che e' riuscita a conservare con due punti di vantaggio sulla squadra jugoslava; mentre la squadra maltese puo' considerarsi tagliata fuori.

Oltre alla Juventus possono legittimamente aspirare al quinto posto il JUST (che deve ancora incontrare Adelaide City e Preston), il Preston (che deve ancora incontrare (il West Adelaide e il Preston), la Juventus da parte sua deve ancora vedersela con il George Cross e con il Croatia. Dopo queste due partite rimane l'ultimo challenge round il cui accoppiamento verrà deciso in base alla classifica dopo le partite di domenica prossima.

Secondo le previsioni la Juventus dovrebbe battere il George Cross (ed arrivare a 29 punti), il Brisbane Lions dovrebbe perdere con l'Hellas (e rimanere a 26 punti), il JUST dovrebbe battere l'Adelaide City (ed arrivare a 26 punti), il Preston dovrebbe battere il West Adelaide (e salire a 25 punti), gli accoppiamenti per l'ultima partita sarebbero perciò Juventus-Croatia, Brisbane Lions-JUST, Preston-Gully.

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# ALL THE BEST SOCCER THIS WEEKEND



## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE



Frank Farina  
Canberra

### CANBERRA ARROWS v HEIDELBERG

Hawker Oval 2 pm Saturday

Previous NSL results

Canberra 4 wins

Heidelberg 9 wins

2 draws



Vic Bozanic  
Leichhardt

### PENRITH v LEICHHARDT

Cook Park 8 pm Friday

Previous NSL Results

Leichhardt 1 win



Terry Patallis  
Sydney Olympic

### SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MELITA EAGLES

St George Stadium 3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL Results 1 draw



Dave Ratcliffe  
St George

### SYDNEY CITY v ST GEORGE

Sydney Athletic Field

3 pm Saturday

Previous NSL Results

Sydney City 10 wins

3 draws



Bob Mountford  
Blacktown



Derek Todd  
Newcastle

### SYDNEY CROATIA v NEWCASTLE

King Tomislav Park  
3 pm Sunday

No Previous NSL results

### WOLLONGONG v BLACKTOWN

Wollongong Showgrounds

3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL Results

Wollongong 1 win

Blacktown 1 win 1 draw

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE



David Lowe  
Marconi

### BRISBANE CITY v MARCONI

Spencer Park

3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL results

Marconi 7 wins

Brisbane City 3 wins

4 draws



Zdravko Lujic  
Footscray

### FOOTCRAY v

### ADELAIDE CITY

Schintler Reserve 3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL results

Footscray 5 wins

Adelaide City 6 wins

4 draws



Billy Rogers  
Juventus

### JUVENTUS v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

Olympic Park No. 2

3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL results

Juventus 1 win

Sunshine George Cross 1 win



Dave Brogan  
Melbourne Croatia

### GREEN GULLY v

### MELBOURNE CROATIA

Gully Reserve 3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL Results

Melbourne Croatia 1 win



Con Klaas  
South Melbourne

### SOUTH MELBOURNE v BRISBANE LIONS

Middle Park 3 pm Sunday

Previous NSL results

South Melbourne 7 wins

Brisbane Lions 4 wins

3 draws



Zoran Ilioski  
Preston

### WEST ADELAIDE v

### PRESTON

Hindmarsh Stadium

2.30 pm Sunday

Previous NSL results

Preston 3 wins

West Adelaide 2 wins 2 draws